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States

Train safety checks: Federal regulators are increasing safety checks of Union Pacific Railroad in response to five accidents since May that have killed four people and spilled hazardous

materials Retraining managers who test workers on safety rules and taking other steps to improve safety are part of a compliance agreement between Union Pacific, a unit of Union Pacific Corp., and the Federal Railroad Ad-

The FRA also reassigned federal inspectors from nine other offices to supplement its inspection staff in San Antonio, where the accidents have occurred.

Christian alliance: U.S. Roman Catholic bishops voted Wednesday to join a new alliance that would be the broadest Christian group ever formed in the United States, linking American evangelicals and Catholics in an ecumenical organization for the first

The alliance, called Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., is set to kick off next vear. It also would include mainline Protestants, Orthodox Christians, and black and other minority churches.

lurdering nurse: The nurse who admitted killing up to 40 patients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania pleaded guilty Wednesday to six murders and three attempted murders.

Charles Cullen appeared in a Lehigh County, Pa., courtroom to enter the plea, which was announced last month

With his latest admission. Cullen now has pleaded guilty to giving fatal medication overdoses to 23 people and nonlethal overdoses to five others during his 16-year ca-

All of Cullen's victims were seriously ill, but not all were expected to die soon when he delivered his poison, prosecutors said

Serial killer trial: A day after jurors in Pontiac, Mich., began deliberating in a murder trial aimed at keeping a confessed serial killer behind bars, the judge removed one of the jurors and replaced him with an alter-

Coral Eugene Watts, who has confessed to 13 slayings, is on trial in the December 1979 murder of Helen Dutcher in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale

The juror was dismissed for going to the crime scene, said Ronald Kaplovitz, Watts defense attorney. The judge learned about it because the juror mentioned it to his fel-

Specter support: Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., right, puts his arm aro and Sen. Orrin Hatch R-Utah, as they talk with reporters Tuesday in Washington. Specter picked up fresh support Wednesday in his bid to become Judiciary Committee chairman as he prepared to make his case to Republican senators worried about whether he'll support President Bush's judicial nominees. "I expect him to have the support of the committee." said current chairman Hatch.

Tobacco lawsuit: The tobacco industry urged a federal appeals court Wednesday to throw out a decision allowing the Justice Department to seek \$280 billion from cigarette-makers for allegedly misleading the public about the dangers of smoking.

The government brought the case, now being heard in U.S. District Court, under a 1970 civil racketeering statute originally designed to prosecute mobsters.

Industry lawyer Michael Carvin told a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Wednesday that the civil RICO statute doesn't allow the government to recover money in the ongoing lower court case.

World

N. Korea negotiations: The head of South Korea's ruling party said Wednesday he doesn't expect the second-term administra-tion of President Bush to take a tougher line against rival North Korea

Lee Bu-young, chairman of the Uri Party, made the remark a day after the appointment of Condoleezza Rice as the new U.S. Secretary of State.

'It is not necessary to conclude that the second term of the Bush administration will take a hard line on the Korean Peninsula,'

he said at a lunch hosted by the Seoul Foreign Correspondents' Club.

He noted that participants in the six-party negotiation process in Beijing were making efforts to persuade North Korea to return to

N. Korea food aid: Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Wednesday that Japan will deliver food aid to North Korea despite its dissatisfaction with talks last week on the fate of Japanese citizens kidnapped by the

communist state decades ago.

North Korea has acknowledged it abducted 13 Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s to teach its spies Japanese language and cul-

Business

Enron scandal: Federal officials are investigating a \$1.3 million stock sale called for by the wife of former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay just days before the energy company went under, the couple's lawyer says.

Attorney Mike Ramsey, in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle, described the probe of Linda Lay for possible insider trading as "a low and dirty blow." Ramsey said Linda Lay requested that their family foundation sell 500,000 Enron shares to pay charitable obligations.

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Repaying crews to hit the roads on Sasebo

BY GREG TYLER Stars and Strines

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan - Patience and caution will be valuable traits during the next several months as a number of base roads undergo a \$750,000 re-

"It will be difficult, but nothing we can't manage, while the work is being done in phases. And afterwards, the base will have really nice, new roads that are smooth look better and will result in less wear and tear on vehicles," said Lt. j.g. Doug Herrin, resident officer in charge of construction at Sasebo's Public Works Department

Starting Saturday, perhaps the best-known bumps in Sasebo's roads — at the Ohio Boulevard/California Drive intersecclosed for repaying until Nov. 28.

During that week, repaying will occur from near the Ohio Boulevard crosswalk between the commissary and post office to Fleet Landing.

"All traffic will be detoured through the intersection by the main gate between the post office and commissary to travel between the Tategami and Hirase areas of the base." Herrin said this week.

A Tokyo contractor, the Kajima Road

Company, is doing the repaying. "They are an excellent company," Herrin said. "They do a lot of road construction in Japan including a lot of work on the ex-

pressways.' By Christmas, work should be complete in other project phases including a section gate, along Oregon Drive up to the Mc-Donald's restaurant, and the utility road to

Gate 24 at the India Basin Pier entrance.
Also before Christmas, repaying should be complete on South Carolina Avenue from the nost office to just past the Navy Exchange furniture warehouse.

Drivers are asked to pay attention to directions being given by the flagmen during the various construction phases, said Lt. j.g. Brian Foster of the Public Works Department. "Everyone looks forward to being able to drive on the new roads so a little patience from everyone is appreciated.'

During January and February, repaving is to take place at the back gate, Mississippi Avenue alongside the NEX Autoport and a segment of South Carolina Avenue be-

Beginning in late February, Herrin said repaying is to start all the way down California Drive on the Hirase Peninsula, and on the parallel road, Wisconsin Loop, running in front of the bachelor enlisted hous-

ng past the Navy Lodge.

He said other project phases, planned to start in the summer, include widening and beautification of walkways leading to the main gate and repaying of the road encir-

cling Nimitz Park Herrin's advice for after the Fleet Landing intersection is complete Nov. 28: "Stay tuned" because American Forces Network radio and base newspaper will announce starting dates and detour information for the other phases

Call Herrin at DSN 252-3469 for additional information about the repaying projects. E-mail Greg Tyler at: tylerg@pstripes.osd.mil

Sailor in custody for alleged hit-and-run

By JIM O'DONNELL

A USS Kitty Hawk sailor whom Japanese police accuse of involvement in a hit-and-run accident has been in their custody since Monday night and will re-main so for 10 more days, a Navy spokeswoman said Wednesday

Chief Petty Officer Natalie Dias, Kitty Hawk spokeswoman, said no official charges were filed at a magistrate hearing Wednesday but the sailor will be held until Nov. 26, when a decision will be made whether to arraign him, dismiss the charges or hold him for another 10 days. Japanese law lets a suspect be held up to 23 days after arrest and before indictment.

Dias said the incident was under investigation and that the Navy would release the sailor's name only if he's formally charged

But a Yokosuka police spokes-

the sailor's name is Petty Officer 2nd Class Keshawny Ray Mack, 34. The spokesman said Mack is accused of hitting a mack is accused of fitting a moped driven by a 19-year-old Japanese woman about 9:30 p.m. Monday, some 1½ miles from Yokosuka Naval Base.

The spokesman said police be-lieve Mack was trying to turn left at an intersection in Miharu town when he hit the Yokosuka city woman, who suffered minor injuries that police estimated will take 10 days to heal.

A witness called police and gave the license plate number, the spokesman said: Mack was arrested about 9:45 p.m. in front of the Yokosuka base main gate on suspicion of professional negligence resulting in bodily iniury and violating the Road Traf-fic Law.

Hana Kusumoto contributed to this E-mail Jim O'Donnell at:

Atsugi cycle wreck victim ID'd

Stars and Strines

Navy officials identified the Japan-based sailor who died in a motorcycle accident this week as Petty Officer 2nd Class Sedarya McNair.

McNair, 29, an aviation structural mechanic assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 195 at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, died Sunday afternoon from injuries sustained at Ehisu Circuit in Eukushima prefecture, north of Tokyo.

He was taking a two-day motorcycle racing instruction course there when he drove off a straightaway between curves on the 1.24-mile course and crashed into a tire barrier, said Katsunori Takahashi. Ebisu Circuit's assistant manager. He said several other Americans were taking the course. hosted by the Torano Ana School, but no other people were involved in the incident.

McNair was pronounced dead at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at a Fukushima hospital near the track. Navy officials say the accident's cause is under investigation.

Takahashi said this is the first time a driver has died on the circuit in a one-person accident, al though one other crash there resulted in a fatality. A memorial service was scheduled for Wednes-

day afternoon at NAF Atsugi's chapel. McNair joined the Navy in August 2000 and VFA 195 in May 2003. Cmdr. Michael Wettlaufer, VFA 195 commanding officer, said McNair was an experity Foundation's motorcycle safety course plus two other motorcycle safety courses this year and had properly informed the command of his intent to attend the racing course.

Wettlaufer said the racing instruction course is highly monitored and students receive classroom and on-track instruction, noting that the instructors also inspect the students' motorcycles to ensure they're safe for the track. "Street stuff," including mirrors and lights not necessary for the course, or that might interfere with the performance of the motorcycles, are removed for the course, he said.

"Petty Officer McNair was an outstanding leader in this command. He performed his duties as a skilled technician, as a trouble shooter and as a mentor for younger sailors," said Wettlaufer.

"He truly was a leader. He held the Navy core values of honor, courage and commitment in the highest. He was a serious young man who did a serious job, who did everything that was required of him and more in his service to the U.S. Navy," the commander said.

"His friends and shipmates will certainly miss his presence and we grieve for him and his family.

But "today we are going to celebrate [McNair's] life," said Wettlaufer, referring to Wednesday's memorial service.

Hana Kusumoto contributed to this report.

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Officials praise sharp execution of Keen Sword 2005

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Strines

VOKOTA AIR BASE Japan -With Keen Sword 2005 drawing to a close, organizers praised the exercise's planning and execution Wednesday, saying the United States and Japan have carried out mission objectives flawlessly and are fully prepared to confront a regional crisis

About 14,400 participants - including 4,400 from the Air Force, Navy and Marines — trained at U.S. and Japanese military installations across Japan. The drill which began Nov. 10 and ends Friday - simulates the defense of Japan, incorporating air, ground and sea operations driven by exercise scenarios

"The planning is nearly a yearlong [effort] to bring together this robust number of aircraft." Col. Bob Harvey, who served as the exercise director, said at a media briefing Wednesday.

"We have aircraft flying with each other and against one another all over the country today, said Harvey, the 605th Air Operations Group commander at Yokota. "That speaks well of the execution and design of the plan.

"So far, the only problems we've had were a little challenging weather, particularly up north. We had some high winds and high seas for a few days."

This year's Keen Sword is the eighth joint/bilateral field-training session since 1986 involving IIS Forces Japan and its coalition partner. A joint session involves two or more services from one country, officials said, while bilateral refers to the participation of two nations.

"We frequently do one or the other, but rarely both," said Navy Reserve Cmdr. Mike Mahan, who represented the 7th Fleet as a member of Detachment 111, based at Naval Air Station, Fort

cance of this. We crossed service lines and national lines to all come together for one combined effort. and that's the defense of Japan.

Effective command and control of bilateral and joint air operations was stressed throughout Keen Sword, officials said.

Last week, the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force plucked U.S. survivors from the water in a "rescue" mission. The two nations also rehearsed deployment, supply and resupply of troops.

During the exercise's first week, officials pitted different types of aircraft against one another in two vs. two and four vs. four air-combat maneuvers, said Air Force Maj. Jeff Doyle, the 605th Air Operations Squadron's chief of exercises who acted as lead planner for Keen Sword

"During normal training, you know the aircraft's capabilities he said. "But when you put them

up against different aircraft - for instance, an F-16 going up against an F-15, and F-2s against F-15s you really don't know what they're going to do. That's where the good training comes in.'

This week, U.S. and Japanese pilots practiced suppressing enemy air defenses, tactical airdrons and reconnaissance Dovle said. Visual identification of airsafe passage search-and-rescue missions also

were part of the tactical training. On Wednesday, a KC-135 crew refueled F-15s assigned to Japan and the United States.

While the United States and Japan successfully overcame communication barriers, Harvey said other obstacles had to be addressed on the U.S. side

"Language can be a challenge for our different sister services he said. "The Navy, Air Force and Marines have different meanings for the same words. Communica tion is very, very important, so we

practiced that with the forces in the field, to make sure they under-stood things and then carried

them out.' Harvey praised the perfor-mances of both nations in Keen Sword, saying the exercise forti-

fied the security alliance. "From our perspective, equal partners who will be here to defend whatever is required. he said. "Whatever we do today is a foundation for what we'll do in the future.

In today's military, huge em-phasis has been placed on services' and national militaries' ability to work together, Mahan said adding that Keen Sword offered the perfect stage.

"Any chance we can get together and do something like this, we take advantage of it," he added. "We work together to find solutions. It's all part of our services ability to sing off the same sheet

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Aliyah Barrett, a senior at Edgren High School on Misawa Air Base, Japan, and one of two students in the Volunteer Internship Program at the base hospital, takes patient Kuniko Casey's blood pressure.

Getting a taste of medicine

Misawa Air Base's hospital offers high school students a chance to explore medical dreams

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan Victor Olivares listens as Dr. Kim Mcilnay explains a diagnosis to a patient in the base hospital's pri-

It's nothing serious but Olivares is curious and asks the young airman a few questions. That's the part Olivares loves: "In primary care, I get to interview patients, which is my favorite thing," he said. "The doctor walks me through it. She tries to narrow down what's actually going on.

It's really hands-on. Olivares is 17, a senior at Edgren High School hoping to go to college "somewhere in Texas. When he takes a seat the first day in freshman biology, he'll likely have a jump-start on thousands of pre-med majors across the country. Through the Misawa Ameri-can Red Cross and 35th Medical Group's Volunteer Internship Program, or VIP, Olivares is experihospital from the perspective of health-care specialists including a lab technician, orthopedic surgeon, dentist, family care doctor,

pharmacist and nurse "This is a big heads-up before going to college and deciding which track I want to go," Oli vares said Monday morning, after arriving at the hospital bright and early before the day's first pa-

VIP is a competitive program for Misawa juniors and seniors interested in entering any health profession. Students are Red Cross volunteers, meaning they earn no school credit or financial compensation for more than a hundred hours spent in seven clin-ics throughout the school year. But they may get a chance to observe arthroscopic surgery or help prepare a cast, draw blood, make dental impressions, listen to a fetal heartbeat or watch a pharmacist dispense meds.

Olivares is learning says Mcil-

nay, who juggles being a family practice physician and the medi cal director of the very busy primary care clinic. It would be easy for the Air Force captain to have Olivares help with more mundane tasks such as filing and pa perwork. But "my focus is on him learning," she said. "I love teaching and trying to encourage other folks to come into medicine, as

While Olivares listens to robust hearts and abnormal lungs, down the hall in internal medicine, Aliyah Barrett records vital signs and assists in pap smear proce-dures. Like Olivares, the Edgren High School senior also hopes to find her calling in health care.

"I wanted to see what it was re-ally like," she said. That's exactly what Red Cross

volunteer Sharon Stone hopes the

program does. Medicine is "such a broad career field," she said, "from being a tech to be being a specialized surgeon and everything in between. This will give them a little bit of a head start. Also, these students are used to military life. My hope is they'll see military medicine as a good career choice.'

Stone, also the Red Cross hospital chairwoman, began thinking about VIP after a high-school student asked her about volunteering at the hospital.
"She said she wanted to be a

Stone recalled. "I thought, 'OK, where am I going to place her where she doesn't get bored to death filing records? Such volunteer opportunities at Misawa were limited, Stone said.

Unlike in the States, no major IIS medical centers are nearby It would be difficult, she said, to volunteer at a hospital downtown where Japanese is spoken. Stone formed a committee

which included hospital representatives, Misawa's Red Cross station manager and the Edgren school counselor. Over several meetings, they designed the clinical volunteer program.

Stone's husband, Lt. Col. Eric Stone. 35th Medical Operations Squadron commander, works at ne hospital. Stone said her ide came from "seeing what my husband did in medical school and

seeing what the need is here. Medical school students rotate through different specialties, working closely in each field with a clinical teacher, Stone said. In VIP, students are assigned to a - a mentor who "preceptor" teaches and supervises them in each clinic. The program lasts for the school year so students can rotate through as many sections as possible, spending about 20 hours a week for several weeks in each

It's a scaled-down version of medical school, Stone said. "It's just not as intensive.

Patients must consent to have the student observe with the medical provider.

"We've never had anyone refuse her to sit in," said Jon Will-iams, a nurse and internal medicine technician currently mentoring Barrett.

A pilot program last spring for one semester saw one student; Stone hopes interest will grow.

"We can handle up to four students," she said, adding that one's interest in health need not be in the traditional sense.

"If they're interested in re-search and they want to work for [National Institutes of Health] then that would qualify," she said. Students typically apply at the start of the school year; they also

must be a status of forces agree-ment ID-card holder and have a 3.0 or higher grade point average. Olivares and Barrett say they highly recommend the program. Olivares, for example, said that in September he was interested in pathology and biomedicine. Now,

"I'm noticing all these other areas at the hospital that are just great," he said. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan svanj@pstripes.osd.mil

Sasebo Emergency **Operations Center** primed for crises

BY GREG TYLER Stare and Strings

SASERO NAVAL BASE Japan — The \$400,000 Emergency Operations Center recently completed here is similar to what many might imagine as a "war room," filled with high-level officials busily processing information as it pours enabling commanders to make quick, informed deci-

"That's pretty much what it is," said Chief Petty Officer Gary Boldes, Sasebo's Port Op-erations, Logistics Division officer and leading petty officer.

Imagine a long conference table with secure networked computer stations in front of each seat. At one end is the overall commander's station. Large plasma screens around the room display common information; think "Dr. Strangelove" or a "West Wing" episode dealing with a world military crisis

"The EOC is a place where you can get all your key players together during a contingency, which could be bad weather, an earthquake, typhoon, whatever some sort of threat to the base." Boldes said Wednesday.

"It's just for emergencies, and a place where all the players are together and the decision-making is done in one room. You gather information from various sources, so you'll have a representative in the EOC from the fire department, from security and most other departments.

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"They'll have contact with their players, the commanders on scene. So, information is pushed to this central location and we're better able to coordinate information because everybody is there," Boldes said.

Citing security concerns, Boldes said the EOC site won't be disseminated widely but it's on the Hirase Peninsula along the Juliet Basin waterfront.

"I can't advise making the general public aware of the spe-cific EOC location," he said. "That would make it a target. We're actually part of a front line here, even though some people don't see it that way.

Along the same line, photos inside the EOC are prohibited, Boldes added.

But the new center improves the flow of information throughout the base, he said, and to Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan and U.S. Forces Japan.

"We have upgraded the com-puter capabilities by adding work stations. This allows those in EOC to work simultaneous-." Boldes said.

"We also upgraded to the plas-ma screen information displays for an easier flow within the EOC, as well as video teleconferencing capabilities in the same building.

Officials said the EOC, begun in late September and completed Oct. 31, was funded by force-protection dollars, meaning the base's funds weren't used for the project.

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Air Force Secretary Roche resigns

Harvey confirmed by Senate as top Army civilian

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Air Force Secretary James Roche resigned and the Senate confirmed defense industry executive Francis J. Harvey as secretary of the Army, the service's top civilian post.

The roll call vote Tuesday on Harvey was 85 to 12, capping a long and convoluted series of moves that began when De-fense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld fired Thomas White from the Army secretary job in May 2003 and initially asked Roche to give up his Air Force post to replace White.

Roche was nominated for the Army post, but got caught up in a series of controversies and conflicts with members of Congress over Air Force contracting decisions and other issues. He withdrew his nomination last spring, and remained as secretary of the Air Force

Harvey was nominated two months ago, but his Senate confirmation vote was put off until after the Nov. 2 elections.

It was widely expected that Roche would leave the Air Force before President Bush began a second term.

In a brief statement, the Pentagon said Roche had informed Rumsfeld in early Octoher "of his intention to complete his service at the end of the first Bush administra-

The statement gave no more specific reason for Roche's departure

Roche issued a brief statement saying, "We have successfully met many pressing national security issues facing the nation and the Air Force, especially in the global war on terrorism

Roche did not mention why he decided to leave. A spokesman.

Air Force Col. Jay De Frank, said the White House had not pressured Rumsfeld to seek Roche's depar-

turre "He leaves the Air Force now so that his resignation may free up nominations of Air Force general officers that have been on hold in Congress," DeFrank

said. Some of those hamstrung nominations are connected to investigations into sexual harassment at

the Air Force Academy Roche was an executive at Northrop Grumman Corp. before becoming Air

Force secretary in 2001.

"Jim Roche has led the Air Force during an important period in history," Rumsfeld said in a written statement issued at the Pentagon.

There was no immediate word on a likely successor. The Pentagon said Roche planned to leave Jan. 20, 2005, or sooner in the unlikely event that the Senate confirms a successor by then.

Navy Secretary Gordon England has not said whether he intends to remain for a second Bush term.

Separately, the White House with the nomination of Lawrence Di Rita to be assistant secretary of defense for public af-fairs, to replace Victoria Clarke, who re-signed for personal reasons in June 2003.

Di Rita's nomination was submitted to the Senate on Nov. 21, 2003, but was not acted on because of a dispute between Sen. John McCain of Arizona and the Pentagon over an Air Force leasing deal with Boeing

Pending Senate action on his nomination, Di Rita for the past year has per-formed the duties of the Pentagon's chief spokesman

Di Rita, traveling with Rumsfeld in Ecua-dor on Tuesday, told reporters he wasn't leaving immediately and had no specific

He suggested he withdrew his nomination because did not intend to hold the position over the long term.

Harvey, 59, replaces White, who was fired by Rumsfeld on May 9, 2003, after a series of disputes over the scope and pace of the Army's force modernization. Since then, the Army's No. 2 civilian official, Les Brownlee, has served as the acting Army secretary

During the floor debate on Harvey's nomination. Democrats and Republicans praised Brownlee's stewardship during a tumultuous period for the Army, which is stretched thin by the wars in Iraq and Af-

Rrownlee served as the stand, in secretary for more than 550 days — longer than anyone in the history of the Army.



Sasebo Naval Base's Ernest J. King High School 1993 through 1997 classes plan to hold a class reunion in San Diego, during the July Fourth weekend of 2005

All graduates of those classes, as well as teachers and friends of E.J. King High School, are invited to attend.

The reunion includes a Saturday night evening gathering for adults and a Sunday afternoon picnic for families. Travel arrangements and accommodations are yet to be determined.

Organizers Valerie Separa and Breanna Shields ask anyone interested in at-tending to contact Separa at vsepara @vahoo.com by Nov. 30.

Hearing on Ikego housing

The first hearing of a trial in which Zushi city hopes to block additional housing at the U.S. Navy's Ikego housing area was held Wednesday in Yoko-hama District Court.

The Japanese government wants to build the housing. The city claims the government is breaking a 1994 promise to not build additional facilities at Ikego. The Japanese government contends the additional housing will be built on the Yokohama side of the housing area and therefore breaks no promise. The U.S. and Japanese governments agreed in September to build 700 housing units on the housing area's Yokohama side

City representatives and Zushi Mayor Kazuyoshi Nagashima made opening statements at Wednesday's court ses-sion, which the government rebutted. The next hearing is scheduled for Feb.

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Spc. Jimmy Gutknecht of the Ohio Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 612th Engineer Battalion right, shares a moment with his son Jimmy, after a ceremony in Toledo on Friday marking the soldiers' coming Iraq deployment. War-weary soldiers increasingly are opting out completely, rather than ioining the National Guard. after their active-duty service is completed.

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Many active-duty GIs not transitioning into Guard

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripe:

ARLINGTON, Va. - Just more than half of the 7,000 active-duty soldiers that the Army National Guard sought to transition into its ranks did so in fiscal 2004, accord-

ing to a Guard official. The Guard managed to recruit just 3,900, or 58 percent, of those soldiers, during the one-year peri-od that ended Sept. 30, according to Guard spokesman Lt. Col.

Michael Jones. Such soldiers are one of "three funnels that fill up the tub" for the Guard's recruits, Jones said in a Wednesday telephone inter-

The other two sources of recruits are people with no prior service who are recruited at the state and people who have served in the military, but left for some time before deciding to join

the Guard, Jones said Soldiers who make an immediate transition to the Guard, with no break in service, are a treasured resource because their training, physical conditioning, experience, and proven record of success in the military all are up to date, said Lt. Gen. Roger Schultz, director of the Army National Guard.

Schultz spoke Friday at the annual Military Reporters and Editors Conference in Arlington.

By comparison, "we've had years in the past when [as many as] 10,000 [active-duty] soldiers joined the Guard," said Schultz.

Retention meanwhile or the number of guardsmen who chose to stay, "was great," 99.8 percent in fiscal 2004, Jones said. "We were surprised," Jones

said. "Retention exceeded what we thought."
The higher-than-expected re-

tention helped the Guard finish the year with 342,918 soldiers, or percent of end strength. Schultz said.

To maintain its authorized end strength of 350,000, the Guard needed to recruit 56,000 soldiers in fiscal 2004 but ended up with about 88 percent of that total 'We missed by 8,000" soldiers,

Schultz said. And after holding conversations with active-duty soldiers deployed to Iraq, the three-star general told a roundtable on reserve and National Guard issues at the conference that he is convinced that "nothing" will persuade these war-weary soldiers to jump

straight into the Guard "I don't think there's a thing in the world we can do" to change these soldiers' minds, Schultz said, even though Congress added bonuses and benefits to the 2005 National Defense Authoriza-

tion for reservists. "Money won't drive everything

right now," Schultz said.
"It's not that these soldiers have a bad attitude," resenting the Army for sending them to combat zones for a year or more. Schultz said. "It's just that they need a break, and they've figured the deal out

"The deal" is the realization that joining the Army National Guard no longer means immunity for deployments, he said

The Army National Guard is adding another 1,000 recruiters before the end of the year to its ex-isting force of 2.700 in an attempt to boost its end strength, but Schultz said he remains worried about strains on the force

Staying up to strength is vital for the Guard because the pace of the Army's reserve deployments continues to be at an historical

As of mid-November, more than 93,400 National Guardsmen were either deployed or prepar-ing for deployment, Schultz said, and in Iraq, reservists now ac-

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And the third rotation of U.S. forces to Iraq, which is slated to begin next February or March, will include even more reserve and Guard soldiers than the first two rotations, Army officials have

said.
"The question is how long can we keep this up?" Schultz said. E-mail Lisa Burgess at: burgessl@stripes.osd.mil

U.S. convoy rammed by car bomber in Beiji

BY KATARINA KRATOVAC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into a U.S. convoy during fighting Wednesday in a northern town, where hospital officials said at least 10 Iragis were killed amid a wave of violence across Irag's Sunni Arab heartland.

The increasing attacks and the U.S. military's offensive to retake the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah have made November one of Iraq's bloodiest months.

According to an Associated Press tally, the American death toll in the war in Iraq surpassed 1,200 with new Defense Department identifications night and Wednesday. The total of 1.208 deaths included 1.204 identified members of the U.S. military, three military civilians and one unidentified soldier reported to have died Tuesday in Balad.

In Fallujah, heavy ma-chine-gun fire and explosions rang out in south-central parts of the city as U.S. Marines hunted remaining fighters. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, U.S. Marines fought insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming across the Euphrates River.

Bullets snapped overhead, and Iraqis collecting bodies of the dead ran for cover behind walls and in buildings as Marines returned fire. After 15 minutes of fighting, three insurgents were dead and one Marine was slightly injured in the hand, officers said.

The car bomb came during clashes in Beiji, a city 155 miles north of the capital, witnesses said. The vehicle hit a convoy and exploded. then U.S. soldiers opened fire.

Ten people were killed and nine others wounded, hospital officials said, though it was not clear how many were caused by the blast. The 1st Infantry Division said three U.S. soldiers were wounded in the suicide attack. Beiji is the site of Iraq's largest oil refinery and a major power sta-

A police spokesman in Karbala said a police officer from the city had reported that 31 policemen returning from training in Jordan were kidnapped over the weekend by insurgents who attacked their hotel in western Iraq. The spokesman said the report was not confirmed.

Meanwhile, Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. Marines, freed a captive Iraqi truck driver during a raid south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.



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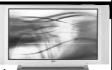
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IN THE WORLD

Iran leader calls nuke deal 'a great victory'

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran's president on Wednesday praised a nuclear deal reached this week with Europeans but warned that Iran's commitment to suspend uranium depended on European support at a U.N. nuclear watchdog meeting next week.

Conservative lawmakers unhappy with the deal also threatened to finalize legislation forcing the government to resume uranium enrichment and related activities if Europeans failed to back Iran.

"Europeans, under the agreement, have recognized that Iran can exercise its rights [in seeking nuclear technology]. This is a great victory," President Mohammad

Khatami told reporters. But he said the first test of the deal was the Nov. 25 board meeting of the Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency.

The agreement, detailed Monday by Iran and in a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, commits Iran to suspend all uranium enrichment and related activities within a week in return for European guarantees that Iran has the right to pursue a peaceful nuclear program.

Iran has said the suspension will be brief and voluntary to build confidence that Iran is not pursuing nuclear weapons.

"Take the first step correctly and use Iran's confidence and good will. Show good will. If the IAEA board of governors adopts a correct decision it will be a sten in the direction that will give us more hope that our rights will be exercised," Khatami said

"If we see that they don't keep their

promise, it's natural that we won't fulfill our promise," he said

The agreement appeared to represent a breakthrough for the Europeans and to hurt a push by the United States, which accuses Iran of nursuing nuclear weapons, to have Tehran hauled before the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

Khatami said a "positive" report by IAEA chief Mohamed El-Baradei indicated there was no need for any extraordinary investigation of Iran's nuclear activi-

Photos of Japanese kidnapping victim intensify outrage, anguish

By JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

TOKYO - For years, Japan saw kidnapping victim Megumi Yokota only as an innocent child. a fresh-faced junior high badminton player in school uniform, black hair framing her cheeks.

Now for the first time, photo graphs are on display of Megumi Yokota's life after her 1977 abduction by North Korean spies as she grew from a teenager into an adult imprisoned behind the re-

Sakie Yokota,

clusive regime's wall of secrecy. Three images of Megumi Yoko-

ta provided by North Korea one as a sad-eyed teenager and two as a young woman - dominated front pages and talk shows this week, intensifying Japanese anguish and outrage over her abduction.

Megumi Yokota is among 13 Jananese citizens North Korea has admitted kidnapping in the 1970s and 80s.

Five were allowed to return to Japan in 2002, but North Korea

has claimed - so far unconvincingly — that the others, including Yokota, are dead.

Their families have called for sanctions against North Korea But Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, under questioning in a Parliament hearing, said he wants to keep the North Koreans engaged in hopes of making progress.

While the latest negotiations in the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, have not yielded what the Japanese hoped for, they did promise to shed faint light on Yokota's case.

The Japanese negotiators who

returned from North Korea on Monday met with Kim Chol Jun and Kim Hea Kyong, identified by Pyongyang as Yokota's hus-band and daughter. The negotiators also visited a hospital that supposedly treated Yokota and were given lengthy health

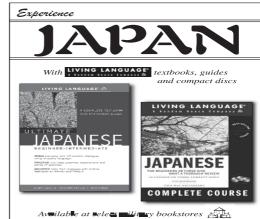








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Friction grows between Japan and China

Incursion by a Chinese submarine into Japanese waters adds military aspects to tension

BY JOSEPH COLEMAN The Associated Press

TOKYO - Despite a thriving economic partnership, political ties between Japan and China are at their lowest ebb in years. The two countries are locked in disputes over World War II history, natural gas exploration and now a bold incursion by a Chinese nuclear submarine.

The troubles have blocked a meeting between the countries' top leaders since 2001, complicated Northeast Asia's scramble to meet its growing energy needs and threatened to limit the growth of Japan-China business ties.

The startling intrusion by a Chinese nuclear submarine last week into Japanese waters introduced a disturbing military aspect to the tensions between East Asia's two leading powers, putting greater urgen-

cy on calls for a repair in relations.
"We should hold talks because we have problems. We are making arrangements," Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Tuesday when asked whether he was trying to schedule a summit with Chinese President Hu Jintao at the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meet ing in Santiago, Chile.



The turmoil is a marked contrast to flourishing business relations. Bilateral trade hit a record \$130 billion in 2003, a 30.3 percent increase from the previous year. Officials expect another record to be set this

Political ties, however, have long been rocky between Asia's most populous nation

and its biggest economy. Japan's military conquest of China in the

1930s and '40s and what the Chinese see as Tokyo's reluctance to atone for its aggres sion have gnawed for decades at Chinese sensitivities. Japan, in turn, accuses Beijing of using history to browbeat Tokyo into providing aid and political conces-

The countries have also squabbled over territory and natural resources. Both, for instance, claim a cluster of Japan-con-

trolled East China Sea islands, called the Senkakus in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. The two are also sparring over Chinese exploration of natural gas fields near Okinawa that Japan claims could infringe on its exclusive economic zone, and they have competing plans for an oil pipeline from Siberia to East Asia.

The flare-ups illustrate an increasingly

competitive relationship.
China's spectacular economic performance has turned it into a global growth engine, and Beijing is eagerly converting that power into diplomatic influence, especially among Southeast Asian countries that

Japan had long considered its back yard. Tokyo nurses fears of being eclipsed, and has eyed with suspicion Beijing's military spending and diplomatic maneuver-

ing.

The influential right-wing strongly favors responding with a more robust and assertive Japanese military.

"In the political arena, conservatives aren't really trying to get along with China," said Makoto lokibe, a political scientist at Kobe University. "People who want to be tough with China feel as if we were about to go to war when something like this — the submarine, or gas development issues - happens.



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Officials from Pacific Rim start trade, security talks

BY ALAN CLENDENNING The Associated Press

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March protest

SANTIAGO, Chile - Top ministers from 21 economies ringing the Pacific Ocean gathered Wednesday in Chile to convene high-level talks on free trade and global security as police battled university students protesting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit and a week end visit of President Bush.

Several hundred demonstrators who tried to gather in downtown Santiago for an unauthorized march were confronted by riot police who doused them with tear gas from fast-moving jeeps and knocked them to the

ground with blasts from water cannon trucks.

APEC foreign ministers and trade ministers are holding meetings Wednesday and Thursday on issues ranging from fighting terrorism and corruption to a proposal to create a free trade area that would link the Americas to Asia. Leaders gather on

Saturday and Sunday The ministers will discuss a recent proposal by APEC Business Advisory Council, the group's business lobby, to consider creating a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific that would stretch from China to California and from Australia to Chile's southern tip

Reports: Japan ruling party pushes constitution changes

TOKYO - A ruling party panel recommending changes to Japan's post-World War II constitution, including a formal affirmation of the military and of armed overseas missions, media reports said Wednesday The reports immediately sparked alarm in neighboring South

Japan's current pacifist constitution — unchanged since it was drafted by U.S. occupation forces and adopted in 1947 - renounces war and bars the use of military force in settling international dis

It also pledges not to maintain a military, although the Japanese government has interpreted that to mean the nation can possess armed forces for self-defense.

The panel of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party has prepared a list of sweeping constitutional revisions under which the country's Self-Defense Forces would be recognized as a "self-defense milipublic broadcaster NHK

Its newly defined duties would include taking part in international security missions that could involve the use of force overseas, the national Asahi newspaper said.

reports sparked an outcry in South Korea, which was ruled by Japan as a colony from 1910 to 1945

South Korea's Munhwa newspaper called the reported proposals "shocking," saying they would give Japan a pretext to conduct military operations anywhere in the world, like its closest ally, the United States

IN THE STATES

Kmart, Sears to merge in \$11 billion deal

BY MEGAN REICHGOTT The Associated Press

CHICAGO - The discounter Kmart Holding Corp. is acquiring one of the most venerable names in U.S. retailing, the department store operator Sears, Roebuck and Co., in a surprise \$11 billion deal that will create the nation's third largest retailer.

The combined company under Wednesday's deal would be known as Sears Holdings Corp., but it was clearly orchestrated by Kmart chairman and Sears share holder Edward Lampert, who will lead a new board that will be dominated by Kmart directors.

Shares of both companies surged on news of the deal. Kmart shares climbed \$16.08, or 16 percent, to \$117.30 in late morning trading on the Nasdaq stock market, while Sears shares soared \$9.42, or 21 percent, to \$54.62 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The new company is expected to have \$55 billion in annual revenues and 3 500 outlets. That will mean it will trail only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Home Depot Inc.

among the biggest U.S. retailers. At a New York news conference for investors and the media, Lampert and Sears CEO Alan Lacy said the combined company will be able to take advantage of economies of scale and the prime location of some of Kmart's stores to better compete against box" stores such as Wal-Mart and Target Lampert will be chairman Sears Holdings and Lacy will be vice chairman and CEO The companies expect to

Ohio: Most ballots valid

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The vast majority of provisional ballots cast in Ohio were legitimate, say election officials who are poring over thousands of presidential election ballots. The ballots that are being re-

jected are invalid because people simply were not registered, did not give information such as addresses or signatures, or voted in precincts where they do not live.

"Some people thought because they had changed their mailing address at the post office, or had changed their utilities, that they had done everything necessary to be eligible to vote," said Nancy Moore, deputy director of the Belmont County Board of Elections. "They still have to change their address at the board of elections. We're not mind readers

President Bush beat Democrat John Kerry in Ohio by 136,000 votes in unofficial tallies, and Kerry has conceded not enough outstanding votes exist to sway the election his way in the key battleground state.

Of the 11 counties that have completed checking provisional ballots, 81 percent of the ballots are valid, according to an Associated Press survey Monday.

achieve annual cost savings of more than \$300 million through the combination of their purcha ing power, merchandising and a more efficient supply chain

Some Kmart and Sears stores could be transformed into the other's brand name, an option Lampert said is most likely for Kmart stores because Kmart would not work well in Sears' mall locations

'We want to make sure that the uniqueness of these brands is preserved, but I would say there's no preconceived notion as to which store is going to be which. It's going to be on a store by store basis," Lampert said.

Lampert would not provide any

details on possible layoffs, except to say, "There will be some head-count changes that come out of this

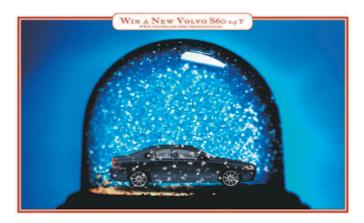
He said store closings are a pos-

"I think we'll probably end up over time opening more stores than we close, but obviously if we don't operate the stores well, it

might be the other way around,'

The deal marks a remarkable comeback for Kmart, which scaled back its operations after seeking bankruptcy protection in

Sears dates to the late 1800s when it offered merchandise by order to farmers, then mail opened its first retail store in 1925.



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From The Associated Press

Kerry keeps his day job, returns to Senate

By MARK LEIROVICH The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - John Kerry returned to his default job in the Senate on Tuesday. The man who had hoped to be president is upbeat and optimistic and thrilled to be back — which we know because this is what he tells report-

He turns up for a morning strategy meeting with his Democratic colleagues. He whispers something to Sen. Pat Leahy in the doorway of the Old Senate Chamber room. He hugs Sens. Joe Lieberman and Jon Corzine as the oak doors close behind him. This is how Kerry spends most of his back-to-work day: cloister avoiding any semblance of fuss.

It's been two weeks since Kerry lost to George W. Bush. "The votes have not all been counted in New Mexico and Ohio." savs Kerry's campaign and Senate spokesman David Wade, who is waiting for Kerry outside the strategy meet-

"And if you believe some of what you read on the Internet ..." Wade is referring to the litany of

conspiracy theories about voting irregularities. He says this while rolling his eyes. Message: Kerry is back at work After the election. Kerry took

consolation calls from Tony Blair and Ariel Sharon, among others. His Secret Service detail is gone (replaced, for the time being, by two Capitol Police officers). So is the massive staff and crowds that come with being a vehicle for so much hope and loathing.

Kerry is, at best, the third-ranking fuss of the day — and that's just in the Senate. Harry Reid, who was elected Senate minority leader Tuesday, is at the center of a cluster of 20 reporters outside the meeting. Arlen Specter was ambushed by 50 after a series of meetings in which he courted the Republican leadership in an effort to become chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Kerry says nothing about his state of mind, except that he is "great," leaving his Democratic colleagues to testify to his well-being. "He seems like he's in good spirits," says Barack Obama, the incoming senator from Illinois Hillary Rodham Clinton and

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He walks quickly down a corridor, trailed by four report-ers and two photographers, and reiterates that he's thrilled to be

back at work He parks himself in a sena-tors-only elevator and is asked, again, if it's nice to be back at

work "It's a privilege to represent the people of Massachusetts," he says.

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10-second flight a hypersonic success

BY JOHN ANTCZAK The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - An unmanned NASA jet screamed into the record books high over the Pacific Ocean by reaching speeds of almost 7,000 mph, brightening hopes that humans might one day be able to fly across a continent in minutes instead of hours.

The 12-foot-long X-43A supersonic combustion ramjet - or scramiet - flew on its own power for just 10 seconds after separating from a booster rocket, but it was enough to excite research-

"We've given industry and government a lot of confidence to go forward with hypersonic flight," said Joel Sitz, the X-43A project manager at Dryden Flight Re-search Center on Edwards Air Force Base. "I think that technology definitely has a future."

Initial data indicated the aircraft flew at about Mach 9.6 - or nearly 10 times the speed of sound — said Randy Voland, the scramjet propulsion team leader

from NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

The X-43A was mounted on a Pegasus rocket and carried aloft by NASA's B-52 carrier aircraft to a range off the Southern California coast. At 40,000 feet, the Pegasus was released and ignited, soaring to high altitude and a speed of Mach 9.8 before the X-43A separated and flew on its own at an altitude of 111.000 feet.

jet-powered flight, the X-43A became a glider and made a controlled glide to a splashdown in the ocean about 800 miles off-shore. It will not be recovered.

The flight was the last in a \$230 million-plus program to test a technology most likely to be ini-tially used to power missiles or in military aircraft, such as bombers that could reach any target on Earth within two hours of takeoff.

Scramjets may also provide an alternative to rockets for space launches. Sitz said he believes the technology eventually can also be used for commercial passenger flights.

House GOP OKs rules change to insulate DeLay

WASHINGTON - House Republicans approved a party rules change Wednesday that could allow Majority leader Tom DeLay to re-tain his leadership post if he is indicted by a Texas grand jury on state political corruption charges

By a voice vote, and with a handful of lawmakers voicing opposition the House Republican Conference decided that a party committee of several dozen members would review any felony indictment of a party leader and recommend at that time whether the leader should step aside.

The current party rule in this area requires House Republican leaders and the heads of the various committees to relinquish their positions if indicted for a crime that could bring a prison term of at least two years. It makes no distinction between a federal and state indictment.

Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, said that under the change embraced Wednesday, the House Republican Steering Committee would have 30 legislative days to review a felony indictment and recommend to all House Republicans whether a lawmaker who is charged could remain as a committee chairman or leader.

From The Associated Press

Rice replacement views self as 'facilitator'

BY GLENN KESSLER

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WASHINGTON — Stephen Hadley, who will be elevated to national security adviser after Condoleczza Rice wins Senate confirmation as Secretary of State, is a quintessential staff aide who views himself as a "facilitator" — someone who makes the policy trains run on time.

But Hadley's record on that score is mixed. The Sept. 11 commission report was critical of Hadley's handling of policy development in several areas. Hadley was also thrust in an uncomfortable spotlight when he accepted blame in 2003 for allowing faulty intelligence to appear in the president's State of the Union address.

Hadley, 57, has worked his way up

through a succession of government posts, with Vice President Dick Cheney as one of his main advocates. But though becoming national security adviser has long been Hadley's dream, he hasn't left behind a rich paper trail of writings or books that outline a foreign policy philosophy, except for displaying a passion for missile defense.

He appears to have won his coveted post in part through a combination of long hours, tight-lipped loyalty and a proclivity for calling little attention to himself.

"He has a severe case of 'prison pallor' because he's in the office all the time," said NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, who served on the "deputies committee" chaired by Hadley when he was deputy director of the White House Budget O'ffice.

Stephen Biegun, who was executive secre- Hadley

tary of the NSC early in the administration, echoed that, noting: "I worked ungodly hours, but I never spent a minute more in

the office than the guy I worked for."

O'Keefe, who also worked with Hadley in
the Pentagon when Cheney headed it during the George H.W. Bush administration,
described himself as a "huge Steve Hadley

He said that Hadley is not contentious, doesn't take disputes personally and is unfailingly pleasant.

As Hadley characteristically sat silent in the front row during the ceremony announcing Rice's nomination, Bush Tuesday called Hadley a "man of wisdom and good judgment" who "has earned my trust."

Before joining the Bush administration, Hadley was a lawyer at Shea & Gardner and a principal in the Scowcroft Group, a consulting firm.

He was assistant secretary of defense in 1989-1993, a member of the national security staff in 1974-1977 and a Defense Department analyst in 1972-1974.

He is married to a Justice Department lawyer and has two daughters.

As Rice's chief aide, Hadley has been responsible for the day-to-day running of the National Security Council, especially because she spent so much time at Bush's side. Hadley dealt with a variety of personnel and policy issues, while trying to frame the debate for the contentious issues faced by the administration. He tried to forge consensus through formal meetings and through informal settings such as the "Wednesday Group," a weekly lunch of the five key deputies in the government.

Bush names Spellings as education secretary

BY BEN FELLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday named White House domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to be the nation's eighth education secretary. "The issue of education is close to my heart and on this vital issue there's no one I trust more than Margaret Spellings," Bush told her.

If confirmed by the Senate,

Spellings would replace departing secretary Paige in the Cabinet-level job of the overseeing Education De ings, who was joined in Roosevelt Room of the White House with her two daughters, beemotional as she accepted the post.

riam a product of our public schools," she said as her voice started to crack. "I believe in America's schools, what they mean to each child, to each future president or future domestic policy adviser and to the strength of our great country."

To the president, Spellings delivers exactly what he expects from schools; results.

"We must ensure that a high school diploma is a sign of real achievement so that our young people have the tools to go to college and to fill the jobs of the 21st century," Bush said. "In all our reforms, we will continue to stand behind our nation's teachers who work so hard for our children."

As Bush's domestic policy adviser, Spellings has helped shape the news while staying out of it herself. Karl Rove, the president's political strategist, was quoted this fall as saying Spellings is "the most influential

woman in Washington that you've never heard of."

Spellings worked for six years Spellings worked for six years Texas, pushing policies on early reading and student accountability. They became the model for the federal law, No Child Left Behind, that Spellings helped put together from the White House after Bush's election in 2000.

"She understands what he thinks. They're very, very close," said Sandy Kress. a lawver who He once referred to the NEA as a "terrorist organization."

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"This is a great opportunity for the administration to change the time of its discourse with the education community, particularly the 2.7 million members of the National Education Association who are in schools all over this nation," said NEA president Reg Weaver. "We look forward to finding common ground with Ms. Spellings in her new yole."

Margaret Spellings' background

Name: Margaret Spellings

Age-Birth Date: 46, Nov. 30, 1957

Education: B.A., University of Houston, 1979

Experience: Domestic policy adviser to President Bush, senior adviser on education policy for then-Texas Gov. Bush, political director in Bush's gubernatorial campaign in 1994, associate executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards.

Family: Husband, Robert Spellings, two daughters, two stepsons



President Bush leaves the White House in May 2002 with Margaret Spellings. Administration officials said that Bush has decided to name domestic policy adviser Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secretary.

worked at the White House for Spellings. Spellings has overseen a range

Spellings has overseen a range of domestic policy, from justice to housing, but education is an issue of deep interest.

Spellings, 46, will take over leadership of the Education Department at a critical time. Many lawmakers, teachers and parents are frustrated by No child Left Behind, which gives more attention to poor and minority kids but penalizes some low-income schools that fall short.

Paige, 71, also had a broken relationship with the National Education Association, the largest teachers union in the country.



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Studios file first wave of anti-piracy suits

BY GARY GENTILE

LOS ANGELES — Following the lead of record companies who curtailed rampant Internet piracy by targeting even small-time file swappers, Hollywood studios have launched a first wave of lawsuits against people who allegedly downloaded recent films such as "Spider-Man 2" and

The seven major studios filed the lawsuits for federal copyright infringement on Tuesday in Denver, New York City, San Francisco and St. Louis. Lawsuits may have been filed in other cities, but the Motion Picture

Association of America, which represents the studios, declined to say how many were filed and where.

Three lawsuits, obtained by The Associated Press, were filed in federal courts in Denver and St. Louis. Two lawsuits were filed in Denver against 22 defendants, while the

one in St. Žuuis targets 18 individuals.

The St. Louis lawsuit is brought against
"John Doe" defendants, including four people who are allegedly in possession of one pirated film each. Some of the Internet addresses for the defendants can be traced to
high-speed Internet connections made available by Charter Communications, a cable
television company based in St. Louis.

The defendants are accused of offering the movies over peer-to-peer file-sharing programs.

Like similar lawsuits filed by the record industry against downloaders of music files, the studios say they will be able to identify the individual defendants later.

Each of the lawsuits lists only a handful of films allegedly offered for downloading on-line, including "Troy," from Warner Bros, "Spider-Man 2," from Columbia Pictures and "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," from The Walt Disney Co.

The lawsuits seek injunctions against the defendants. Copyright law also provides for penalties of up to \$30,000 for each motion

picture traded over the Internet, and up to \$150,000 if such infringement is shown to

be willful.

Malcolm said more lawsuits would be filed in additional cities if the current legal

action does not stem illegal downloading.

The MPAA is running the risk of being seen as too heavy-handed, especially by suing people who have downloaded a single movie, said Wendy Seltzer, a staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundatine Foundation.

As part of its larger effort to combat piracy, the MPAA also said it would step up its educational campaign and offer a free computer program that sniffs out movie and music files on a user's computer as well as any installed file-sharing programs.

Rapper sought in Vibe stabbing

BY RYAN PEARSO! The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police were searching for rapper Young Buck in connection with a stabbing at the Vibe Awards, an assault apparently sparked when Buck's musical mentor, Dr. Dre, was punched just before being handed a lifetime achievement award.

Buck fled the Santa Monica airport hangar where the awards show was being taped Monday night, police Lt. Frank Fabrega said in a statement. A warrant was being prepared alleging assault with a deadly weapon.

The incident was sparked as Snoop Dogg and Vibe magazine founder Quincy Jones were about to give Dre a lifetime achievement award. A man later identified as Jimmy James Johnson approached Dre, who was seated at a table in front of the stage, and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching the veteran hitmaker, police said.

People began shoving, chairs were thrown and punches flew. Some in the audience of about 1,000 scurried for the exits. Alicia Keys, the night's top winner with



Rapper Young Buck, performing at MTV's New York studios in 2003, was being sought Tuesday for allegedly stabbing a Los Angeles man at the Vibe awards.

awards for artist of the year and best R&B song, was among those who fled.

Johnson was dragged away by security staff, but then suffered a serious stab wound when he was attacked by a number of people, including Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown, according to police. He is signed to Dr. Dre's record label as part of the G-Unit clique, which was named best group by the music maga-

"Brown is clearly depicted [on videotape] as holding a knife after the assault and is one of a number of fight participants that was pepper-sprayed by officers in their attempt to stop this fight," Police Chief James Butts told a news conference. "We're asking Mr. David Darnell Brown to surrender himself to police."

Johnson, 26, was in stable condition at a hospital.

"It is unfortunate that an event so many people worked very hard to create has been tainted by the actions of a few individuals," Kenard Gibbs, president of Vibe, said in a statement.

Buck, a native of Nashville, Tenn., is a member of superstar 50 Cent's G-Unit posse. He released his debut solo album, "Straight Outta CaShville," in August, and it debuted at No. 3 on the Billboard charts.

Leonid meteor shower

The Leonid meteor shower will be visible Nov. 19 as the Earth passes through a cloud of dust particles belonging to Comet Temple-Tuttle.

Once a year, in mid-November: Earth's orbit around the sun takes it through comet's dust trail:



A presidential pardon for a feathered friend

President Bush holds Biscuits the turkey by the neck during the pardoning of the national Thanksgiving turkey in a ceremony Wednesday in the Rose Garden of the

White House in

Washington. Bush said the birds would live out their lives at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Va., which raises farm animals. That drew an objection from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which said the turkeys should live in more humane conditions at an animal sanctuary. The turkeys Bush pardoned last year died within three months, a result of drugs that make them grow excessively, the Norfolk, Va., group said.



Source says Ga. crematory owner will enter guilty plea

BY HARRY R. WEBER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA—A former crematory operator accused of dumping 334 bodies and passing off cement dust as their ashes struck a plea deal that calls for up to 12 years in prison, The Associated Press learned

Ray Brent Marsh, who is to enter the plea Friday, had faced up to 8,000 years in a case that shocked the nation more than two years ago when investigators found rotting corpses stacked in sheds and scattered in woods outside his crematory in

rural northwest Georgia.

In a letter to victims' families dated
Nov. 10 and obtained by AP, the prosecutor's office describes Marsh's intent to
plead guilty but does not give details of the
plea agreement.

A source close to the case said Tuesday that Marsh will plead guilty to theft and abuse of corpse charges and be sentenced to 12 years in prison with credit for seven months he spent in jail.

The sentence, which covers all 787

counts against Marsh, 31, will be followed by a probation that would effectively last the rest of his life, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A judge must approve any deal.

Marsh allegedly stopped performing cremations at the Tri-State Crematory in Noble in 1997, when he took over a family business that dealt with funeral homes in

business that dealt with funeral homes in Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. After an anonymous tip in February 2002, investigators found bodies scattered in the woods, stored in buildings and crammed into burial vaults on the crema-

trainine into durar valuts on the crematory property and behind Marsh's house. If Marsh follows through and pleads guilty, the letter says, a sentencing hearing will be held Jan. 31 at which victims'

families will be allowed to speak.

"I'm sure a lot of families are going to be verbal at the hearing," said Teri Crawford, whose brother was supposed to be cremated in 2001 after he died of cancer. His family received fake cremated remains and, like many others, does not know what happened to his brother's

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Hanks considers 'Da Vinci Code' movie

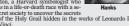
Will Tom Hanks crack "The Da Vinci Code"? Direc-

win foll manisclass. The Ba vinic code? Since the team behind "A Beautiful Mind," said in Newsweek that they wanted the "Saving Private Ryan" star beof the cerebral nature of

Dan Brown's best-selling novel. "Tom is an exciting actor to watch thinking," Howard told Newsweek. "We probably don't need his status from a box-office standpoint, but he gives Langdon instant legitimacy

Hanks would play Robert Lang-don, a Harvard symbologist who is in a life-or-death race with a secret society to uncover the secrets

of the Holy Grail hidden in the works of Leonardo Da The actor's representatives said he is in negotiations



to play the part, but has not yet been locked in Golfer wants out of the spotlight

Tiger Woods wants out of the tabloids like he wants

out of a sand trap.

The golfer was caught off guard by the coverage of his October wedding to Swedish model Elin Nordegren a lavish sunset ceremony in Barbados. "It's wild. I'm a golfer, I'm n



person in Hollywood," Woods told Associated Press Television in a recent interview in Los Angeles. 'I'm not a person who is all over the tabloids. ... For some reason, it made news."

would like to keep it that way.
"We just wanted to have it private so it's just friends and family that are closest to us." He added, "For the media to try and get in there, I thought was invasive. There's no doubt about it."

Woods' precautions appeared to include hiring the only helicopter charter company on the island, which said it was booked solid — a move that prevented journalists and photographers from flying over the event. He also rented out the entire hotel, which has about

200 rooms ranging in price from \$700 to \$8,000 a night, according to the hotel's Web site.

Beckham not interested in Hollywood

David Beckham said he turned down a "good part" in

a Hollywood movie.
"Tve never said that I wanted to go into movies. I've been offered a couple of things like "The Pink Panther," but my football comes first," said the Real Madrid mid-

fielder, referring to a role in a remake of the Peter Sellers classic.
"The Pink Panther," which is
to be released next summer, will

star Steve Martin as Inspector Clouseau, and Beyonce Knowles. It is to be set around the murder of a soccer coach, according to the movie's Web site Beckham denied reports that

he might retire from internat al soccer after the next World

Beckham has never acted in a film, but was the muse to the 2002 movie "Bend it like Beck-



Actor sues clothing company

Actor Peter Fonda has sued a clothing company for more than \$123,000, saying Dragonfly Clothing Inc. vio-lated a licensing agreement that allows it to market ap-parel bearing his image. The Fullerton-based Dragonfly was to pay Fonda guaranteed minimum royalties of \$20,000 on Sept. 10

but failed to do so, according to an amendment agree-ment attached to the lawsuit. The suit was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Dragonfly has also refused to make remaining pay-ments under the amendment to the licensing agreement, the suit alleges. The company still owes Fonda roy-alty payments of \$15,000 on Dec. 10; \$15,000 on March 10 and other payments of \$10,000 each, according to the

Dragonfly markets clothing bearing the logos or likenesses of a number of famous personalities, including Bob Marley, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley, James Dean

Stories and photos from wire services

Ryan Cabrera: More than just a boy toy

Introduced to the world through Ashlee Simpson, this young rocker debuts his first album

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ryan Cabrera may be better known as Ashlee Simpson's ex-boyfriend, but now he's making a name for himself His major label debut album, "Take It All Away," has

sold more than 320,000 copies so far, and its first single, "On the Way Down," hit No. 8 on the Billboard chart After opening for Jewel and Jessica Simpson and performing on college campus-es, Cabrera just kicked off his first

headlining tour. But it was hard work - not connections - that brought the 22-year-old singer this far

He first picked up a guitar at age 15 and spent the next few years teaching himself to play chords and simple tunes He formed a band with some buddies Cabrera got roped into singing — and played gigs around the Dallas area for a few years. He went to college but dropped out after a year to devote

himself to music, knowing his voice needed work His coach turned out to be Jessica Simpson's instructor, and she recommended to Simpson's manager-father that he

check out Cabrera

After signing with Joe Simpson, Cabrera landed a recording contract and went to Los Angeles, where he lived with the Simpsons for eight months. And then ...

AP: I have to ask about your relationship with Ashlee Simpson.

Cabrera: We were best buds. It became like a brother-sister relationship. We were dating other peo ple when I moved in but that didn't work out. Then we got together during my video, and then after that, it was ON. AP. And now?

Cabrera: Just like we were be-- we're best friends. It sucks because we're both doing so many things right now that it's impossible to be together right now. We'll see what happens in the future.

AP: Was it weird watching your relationship on her reality TV show and knowing other people were, too?

Cabrera: The only weird part is how they show it. I'm used to being around cameras because of ("Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica"). What's weird is when they edit

it and try to put a month's period into one show. AP: Did her show help you

Cabrera: Sure. Whenever people get to see you, it's a

great thing. Once people see an image and see the character, they can get into the music a lot more.

AP: How did you get into singing? Was it something you always wanted to do?

Cabrera: Absolutely not. The guys in my band said 'There's three of us and one of you, so you're singing.' I was horrible; I was absolutely awful. That's why I put my-

self through that insane program. AP: What did it entail?

Cabrera: I sang every day by myself for six hours. I was holding up chairs while singing scales to work out my diaphragm. I heard Michael Jackson did it, but everybody said not to, it's not good for your voice.

AP: A lot of your songs deal with breaking up or

thanking a girl for her love. Did you draw on personal

Cabrera: I would say so. I went through losing my first love while I was writing the album. I also wrote a song about the new girl in my life. 'On the Way Down' is about searching for happiness in things that weren't real, searching for happiness in material possessions. For me, it's a spiritual song. But I left song open to in-

terpretation. It could be about a girl, or it could be about a pet parakeet. AP: How did you guys get into "Rock, Vote

Cabrera: I wanted to be involved with Rock the Vote, but Joe suggested we do our own thing. Then we got Clear Channel on board and came up with the idea. I wanted to get involved with something, I didn't care exactly what. "Rock, Vote & Win" is really educational, and it's fun for schools. We're not trying to tell them who to vote for, we're just telling them to vote.

AP: Did you vote in the last presidential election? Cabrera: I did NOT vote last time. When I was 18, I was a punk kid just trying to play guitar, not really trying to

know what's going on. That's why we're trying to get people aware. AP: Anything else I need to know

Cabrera: I really like chocolate chip

A lot of us know Rvan Cabrera as Ashlee Simpson's exboyfriend, but now there's more to be known about this 22-year-old rocker. His debut album "Take It All Away" shows Cabrera in a different light, as a young man looking for love and dealing with loss.

AP/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHRISTOPHER SIX

Consumer Reports releases car reviews

European vehicles get low marks; Japanese brands rank among top

BY DON HAMMONDS Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The reliability of European cars is so bad that not a single one made Consumer Reports' "New Car Preview 2005" issue. In fact, 10 of the highly respected magazine's 11 lowest-rated sedans hailed from across the Atlantic, including high-priced Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar and BMW

Germany's Volkswagen came in for particularly hard hits, with most of its products, including the Golf, Jetta and New Beetle, receiving ratings far below average for reliability.

for reliability.

Japanese brands, on the other hand, continued to rank at the top, with Toyota, Lexus and Scion dominating the listings. And American brands Butick Regal, which has been discontinued, and the non-supercharged version of the Pontiac Grand Prix won the annual publication's highest reliability ratings.

The results are based on an annual Consumer Reports survey that relies on the voluntary participation of 810,000 car and truck

The data on products built between 1997 and 2004 is analyzed to predict the reliability of 2005 models

The problems with European

cars mainly dealt with "electrical systems and power equipment," such as alternators, wiper motors, switches, wiring, power seats, windows, door locks and sunroofs, said David Champion, director of automobile testing for Consumer Reports.

"It can be anything that stops working and makes customers take the car into the dealers to get renaired." he said.

Part of the problem, Champion said, is that Europeans don't really understand how important reliability is to American buyers.

It's not so much major engine or powertrain items that leave drivers stranded on the side of the road that are the issue, but continual smaller problems that keep cropping up that force owners to take the car back to the dealer, Champion said.

"Time is money," he said "You take it one month, and noot month it's sometting else, and noot month it's sometting else, and then the month after that, too. You get to the point where you say, 'I will not buy that car ever again.'" A big reason why so many problems are occurring with European brands is the in-creasing complexity of the cars themselves, Champion said. They are loaded with features and gizmos, "and the more you have, the more likely the chance is that one



This undated photo released by the BMW Group shows the new 2005 convertible Mini Cooper. BMW brands are among European cars that ranked low in Consumer Reports' "New Car Preview 2005."

of them will go wrong," he said.
"It makes the car considerably
more complicated to put togeth-

Not surprisingly, European automakers dispute the Consumer Reports findings.

"Our own tracking shows we are making considerable year-to-year improvements in quality across all the model ranges," said Mercedes-Benz spokesman James M. Resnick. "This data is volunteered by Consumer

Reports' readers; it is not verified. It does not correlate to our own data or that of other third-party surveys."

BMW officials were equally puzzled about the test results. "We feel confident that the reli-

ability of (the BMW 7 Series models that fared poorly) will be far better than what the predictor survey indicates," said BMW spokesman Dave Butchko

The 5 Series sedans, which also fared poorly, "are a little bit more difficult matter. These are brand new models," so the surveys only reflect six months of data, Butchlos said

Half of the sedans and small

cars that earned Consumer Reports' highest reliability ratings were manufactured by Toyota and its Scion and Lexus divisions: the Lexus IS300, Toyota Prius, Scion xB and Toyota Corolla.

Korean automaker Hyundai also won a spot on the most reliable cars list with the Sonata.

The results of the Consumer Report survey largely match the findings of J.D. Power and Associates' initial quality survey for ownership and its vehicle durability survey done after three years of ownership. Those surveys also found that European models have higher-than-average problems reported by their owners.

TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

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Computer Sciences		18	54.29	61	+22.7
Engineered Sup Sys	.04	22	54.37	13	-1.3
General Dynamics	1.44	18	107.81	30	+19.3
General Electric	.80	24	36.10	-	+16.5
Halliburton	.50		37.41	+,40	+43.9
farris Corp.	.48	31	67.12	+1.25	+76.9
Allied Signal	.75	22	35.74	44	+6.9
L-3 Communications	.40	21	70.10	-1.26	+36.5
Lockheed Martin	1.00	21	57.96	33	+12.8
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Raytheon	.80	44	38.83	+.14	+29.3
Pockwell Intl.	66	21	45.30	-	+27.2
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EXCHANGE RATES

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Denmark (Krone)5.729
Egypt (Pound)6.195
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Hungary (Forint)188.36
Iceland (Krona)66.985
Israel (Shekel)4.4092
Japan (Yen)105.38
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Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Free credit reports

CBS MarketWatc

NEW YORK — Beginning Dec. 1, all U.S. residents will be allowed one free credit report per year under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act.

Checking your credit report is a vital step before you invest in a mortgage or take out a personal, business or auto loan. Your credit file can reveal black marks—such as late payments, overdraft charges or other problems—that can prevent you from getting a lender's best interest rates. It also can help you determine if you've been a victim of identity theft.

The so-called FACT Act phases in the one free report per year across the nation, as follows:

■ Dec. 1, 2004: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. ■ March 1, 2005: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

■ June 1, 2005: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Teyas

■ September 1, 2005: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

If you want your credit report earlier, some states already provide one free credit report per year to their residents. They are: Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and

Horoscope

The water-sign influences win with a majority count: The sun, the moon, Mars, Saturn and Uranus are all as liquid as can be. Even full-grown men may laugh **Holiday Mathis** and cry like pregnant

women - and without a hint of embarrassment! Maybe all this tension letting off will allow us to be more compassionate and forgiv ing with ourselves and others

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 19). This

year, you believe you can have more from life and you give more, too. Your faith is what brings an opportunity for more love in the next seven weeks. Share wisdom by teaching or being taught in July. You'll have to move quickly to take advantage of financial opportunities in March; the rewards are big. You are compatible with Libra and Pisces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're like the smart kid in the class

with your hand in the air the whole time. Why won't the teacher call on you? See what happens if you pull back. Let your quiet confidence show that you know all the answers

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If patience could be bottled, you'd have enough in storage to last you through the winter. But, alas, you can't even lend your extra supply to those who really need it. Your zen state is mighty attractive, though, especially to Aries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You sprinkle generosity on everyone you encounter! As long as you're the self-appointed fairy godmother/godfather, you may as well give to people who actually deserve it too. Take note of the real gems around you

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Aimless and unsystematic thoughts can be the most wonderful kind! By being less structured, you allow little tidbits from the collective unconscious to drop into your mind, and this is where the big ideas get their

start LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're pretty deep, you know. You'll meet a real character - someone who can enrich you with eclectic scholarship.

Pay attention, though it's hard to follow this person's whimsical line of thought

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The financial picture improves when

you see yourself as a salesperson - view éveryone you meet as a potential convert. Whether selling an idea or a product, or simply win ning people over to your

team, you're successful. LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Some of your self-care practices have slipped by the wayside. Compensate for your recent neglect. Be willing to pay more to get the style, service and choice you prefer. Every one benefits when you're well tend

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're at the epicenter of work activities. Dare to shut off the phone for an hour so you can concentrate on finishing the most important task In love, because you're serious about a relationship, it moves for-

ward SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whether it's a friendship, love or work, privately resolve to be in the relationship for the long term. This actually takes the pressure off, since now you've got the luxury of time to iron out your differences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've got a better hold of your assets now, both material and intellectual. Since you're confident about what you can offer, you do so readily and without prompting. You're an asset to your community.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You've got many messages to convey. If done eloquently, you raise your status in the eyes of a VIP Upgrade your communication by learning a new word, preferably one you can substitute for the overused "awesome."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a bit detached, but it's not a bad thing. It's like you're moving

through the traffic of life in the top floor of a double-decker sightseeing bus. Sometimes, an overview is exactly what's needed to make smart decisions

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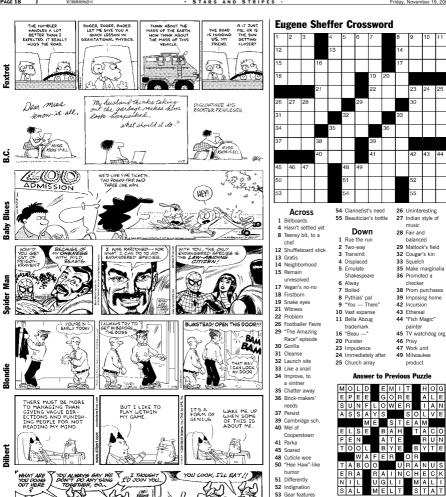


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Different colleges result in split JUMBLE

Dear Abby: My son, "Glenn," and his girlfriend of two years, "Nancy," have started colleg different universities. Nancy have started college at made the cheerleading squad

and now it has gone to her head. Nancy was never popular in high school, but now that she is, she has decided she no longer wants anything to do with Glenn. She acts very spoiled and wants everything her way

Nancy told my son she likes being away from her parents and him, so she can do what she wants, when she wants Glenn is worried sick about her. He thinks she's going to get in over her head. His father and

I tell him he needs to move on. I know he loves Nancy, so how can we get him to forget her?

- Worried in Kansas Dear Worried: College is a time for growth, and in this case, the two young lovers have grown in different directions. Encour

active at school to study hard and to make a point of meeting new people. As much as he cares about Nancy, she has declared her independence. Since he can't protect her, he should concentrate his energies on taking care

of himself. Time and distraction will heal Dear Abby what's ailing him

> Dear Abby: Ten years ago, my fiance, "Rick." and his then-wife, "Kim," lost their son shortly after birth. They had him cremated. Much to Rick's horror, Kim disposed of their baby's ashes in a dumnster

She said she never wanted the baby in the first place

Rick was devastated, as was the entire family. Kim acted very shut off and cold, not only during this tragic event, but with their other children as well.

Every year on the anniversary

down and I grieve beside him. Is there anything I can have made (or make myself) in honor of the child? I feel it would ease the minds of those who were truly bereaved and let the baby boy rest in peace.

- Wants to Help Dear Wants: I'm unclear from your letter whether Rick's wife was distant during their entire marriage, or whether she might have been suffering from depres sion (and possibly psychosis) after the death of the baby. Because her behavior was bizarre, I can only hope she received medi-

cal and psychological care. That you want to honor you fiance's child is commendable but before doing anything, talk to Rick and ask what he would like. Planting a tree in a park with a small plaque would make a nice memorial - or perhaps a scholar-ship in the baby's name.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

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(Answers tomorrow) DECRY MOUND CANNED BAMBOO What the fireman inherited from his rich uncle - MONEY TO BURN

Wife's handicaps drain husband

Dear Annie: My wife, Annie's Mailbox "Andie," age 49, is physi-cally disabled due to complications from sur gerv. and sex is very painful for her. In addi tion, she is in constant pain, can't work and is not able to do much around the house.

I am 48 and Andie's caregiver. The prospect of spending the rest of my life without a fulfilling sexual relationship is

bleak and frustrating. In addition, our social life has become very limited, and I spend all my time either working to pay her medical bills (which are enormous) or taking care of her needs and the

If I leave, I will have to support her financially for life, which would leave me with very little to live on. Andie is moody and difficult, and often is on huge amounts of medication. There is little hope for improvement in her condition and we have seen dozens of snecialists

Before this, Andie and I had a good marriage and a fairly happy



- Emotionally

Drained in Denver Dear Denver: Your situation is difficult, but we hope you will not abandon Andie because life has taken a left turn There are ways to have a reasonably satisfying sex life without inter-

course. You and Andie should discuss this with her doctor and both be willing to adjust accordingly. Andie also should seek help from a psychologist who can work on her negative attitude, so your resentment doesn't boil over Last, please contact the National Family Caregivers Association at 1-800-896-3650

(thefamilycaregiver.org) for support. Good luck

Dear Annie: The receptionist in our office has appointed herself the unofficial organizational maven. She is constantly reorga nizing the break room, supply closet and coat closet, and she's

especially fixated on my desk I am left-handed and have

things set up for my convenience. At least twice a week, I find my desktop rearranged. I have asked "Darla" to leave my desk alone. but she shrugs and says, "I'm only straightening it up for you." If I ignore her, she makes a point of telling me she was happy to straighten my things. I have spo ken to our boss, but he refuses to get involved. I like my job, but I'm giving serious thought to leaving. - Sick of It in Alabama

Dear Sick of It: Darla is passive-aggressive. She's deliberately getting your attention in a way that seems kind but is actually hostile. So don't be nice. Tell her. "Darla, you are NOT permitted to touch my desk. If you don't stop harassing me, I will report you."

Then tell the boss that if he doesn't put a lid on Darla's hous keeping, you will be forced to look for another job.

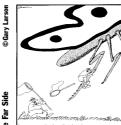
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"Y'know how you said I should save my money for a rainy day? Well ...

MARA





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Burger bonanza

TN CHATTANOOGA -Takeru "The Tsunami' Kobayashi ate 69 mini-hamburgers in eight minutes to collect \$10,000 and be crowned the first Krystal Square-Off World Hamburger Eating Cham-

pion. The 130-pound Koba yashi, who is also the champion of .

contestants.

Nathan's International Hot Dog Eating Contest held on Coney Island, N.Y., beat 13 other

Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas ate 46 small square hamburgers for second place and \$5,000, and Richard "The Locust" LeFevre ate 41 for third place and

Not the cable guy

WEST HAVEN — In a hard hat and tool belt, police said Jerome Dunbar looked just like every other cable repairman.

Problem was, authorities said, he couldn't legally do the work. Dunbar appeared in court on

charges he took \$100 from a local family to hook up their disconnected cable service

Authorities said they discovered the alleged scheme when they saw him climbing a ladder on a telephone poll, and because it was an odd time of the day for line work, inquired about his credentials. Dunbar was charged with one

count of theft of a community antenna for profit.

School sweeps up gift

MT GREAT FALLS - A who part-time janitor who worked at the University of Great Falls has left the college \$2.3 million - the largest gift the school has ever received.

Genesio Morlacci died on Halloween at the age of 102

Morlacci, a former dry cleaner, owned Sun Cleaners for several years before selling his business and going to work as a janitor at

A native of Italy, Morlacci directed that 95 percent of the money go to scholarships. The university can choose how to spend the remain-

Cops stun kid again

FL MIAMI — Police have ac-knowledged using a stun gun to immobilize a 12-year-old girl just weeks after an officer jolted a first-grader with 50,000 volts.

Police Director Bobby Parker said that he could not defend the decision to shock the fleeing girl, who was skipping school and apnarently drunk

According to the incident report, officer William Nelson responded to a complaint that children were swimming in a nool drinking alcohol and smoking cigars.

Nelson said he noticed the girl was intoxicated and was walking her to his car to take her back to school when she ran away through a parking lot.

Nelson, 38, said he chased her and velled several times for her to stop before firing the Taser when she began to run into traffic.

Parker said department policy permits officers to use the Taser to apprehend someone, but he said he expected his officers to use better judgment, especially when po-

ny says the pipeline should be able to withstand an 8.0-magnitude earthquake through the Denali fault corridor, according to project manager Tom Coghill. The pipeline car-Tom ries about 1 million barrels of oil a day

Costly halfway house

WA SEATTLE — A half-way house for sex predators would cost \$1 million a year for each of the first two men in the program, officials say. The state plans to move the men next summer to the building beneath the West Seattle Bridge. It will have a staff of 22 people for round-the-clock security.

Beauty rabbit pageant

CHICAGO — A middle-aged female orangutan called PROVIDENCE — Coifed. Maggie is fitter, trimmer and lookpampered and fluffed. about 15,000 rabbits were getting ready ing for love after undergoing what her keepers call "Maggie's Exfor competition at the American Rabbit Breeders Association convention, where judges will be awarding prizes for best in show In addition to healthier-looking skin and fur, Maggie has dropped and other categories. 90 nounds and no longer snores or suffers from the flatulence, runny

The event isn't as prestigious and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, but it can be as spirited. Organizers at the Rhode Island Convention Center gush about the pampered and coddled stars of the event, keeping them in top condi

tion - no matted fur, runny eyes or sore snots. During the week, the handlers of the show bunnies also will attend various association meetings and other events.

It's the first time the breeders association, based in Bloomington, Ill. has met in Rhode Island and the first time in 50 years that the convention has been held in the Northeast

Chicago zoo in 1995, is now paying more attention to the male orangu-Expensive project finished

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lice had no plans to arrest the girl.

nose and constipation that once

plagued her until keepers detected

Until treatment, keepers had

tried unsuccessfully to get the

43-year-old ape to shed some

pounds. Male orangutans didn't in-

Maggie looking for love because it

regulated her menstrual cycle and

jump-started her desire to mate.

Maggie, who socialized little when

she first arrived at the suburban

The thyroid treatment also has

Orangutan makeover

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a thyroid condition.

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tans officials said

ANCHORAGE — Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. has completed a \$6.5 million project strengthening the 800-mile-long trans-Alaska pipeline. The compa-



Braving the weather Doug and Ashley James, both 19, of Warrenton, Mo., walk through the surf on New Smyrna Beach, Fla. The beach was almost empty as a a storm front brought high winds and rough surf.

Dollar goes 'dam' far

GREENSBURG — Beavers found a bag of bills stolen from a casino, tore it open and wove the money into the sticks and brush of their dam on a creek near Baton Rouge.

"They hadn't torn the bills up. They were still whole," said Maj. Michael Martin of the East Feliciana Parish Sheriff's Office

The money was part of at least \$70,000 stolen from the Lucky Dollar Casino in Greensburg, about 30 miles northeast of Baton Rouge.

Sheriff's deputies in St. Helena Parish, where the truck stop video poker casino is located, have accused a security guard at the casino of disabling its security camer-as. Jacqueline Wall. 25, was booked with felony theft, Martin said

told investigators She ski-masked gunman made her help him empty all the casino's safes, then kidnapped her, knocked her out and left her in an uninhabited area in East Feliciana

Governor-elect cleared

MO JEFFERSON CITY — The state Ethics Commission cleared Gov.-elect Matt Blunt of allegations he used government money for political purposes by running pro-voting newspaper ads featuring his smiling face. Blunt. as secretary of state, purchased \$48,000 in advertisements with federal funds just before the Aug. 3 primary in which he was a Republican candidate for governor.



Boston Bean, a 2-year-old Were you a good boy? Boston terrier, gets a close look at Santa before having a Christmas photo taken at the Fox Valley Humane Association fundraiser in Greenville, Wis.



Out for a ride Marly Divver enjoys a brisk fall afternoon ride on her recumbent bicycle around Duncan Park in Spartanburg, S.C.



 $Fishing \ in \ the \ fog \ \ ^{\textbf{Sam Bosier prepares two poles while fishing on Stillhouse Hollow Lake in Harker Heights, Texas, as a heavy fog blankets the central Texas region.}$



Autumn chores

Helen Cargill, 10, left, and her brother, Henry Cargill, 11, had their



Note to birds ...

A Siamese cat takes advantage of a bird bath for a drink outside of the Center for Art and Education in Van

Buren, Ark.



Feeding time Woody Pike hand-feeds some of the 2-year-old alligators in a holding pen at Gatorama near Palmdale. Fla.

Penalties crowd prisons

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's prison population has exploded by 600 percent since 1970 and will keep growing because of "irrational" penalties enacted by lawmakers, according to a study.

University of Kentucky law professor Robert Lawson, who wrote Kentucky's penal code, says the state's budget for housing prisoners has risen from \$7 million to more than \$300 million since 1970 and is threatening to bankrupt the system.

Funny money case

PA GREENSBURG — Charges have been dropped against a woman who paid for clothes with a fake \$200 bill that featured President Bush's picture and the serial number DUBYAU2001.

Westmoreland County prosecutors dropped all charges against Deborah L. Trautwine, 51, after she paid the store in real currency. Trautwine wasn't aware that the bill wasn't actual legal tender, said her attorney, Harry Smail Jr.

A clerk at a Fashion Bug clothing store also apparently was fooled by the funny money. She gave Trautwine \$100.58 in change following an August transaction.

There is no \$200 denomination bill, even without Bush's picture on it. The back of the phony bill depicted the White House with several signs erected on the front lawn, including those reading "We Like Broccoli" and "USA Deserves A Tax Cut."

Carbon monoxide kills 2

MIAMI — Two college students were found dead in a parked minivan along a Florida roadside, apparent victims of carbon monoxide poisoning. The van's engine was still running when they were discovered, authorities said.

A sheriff's deputy was on routine patrol west of Fort Lauderdale when he spotted the vehicle near Weston. The windows were fogged up and a tail light was out. The exhaust system of the minivan was "in disrepair," officials said.

The victims were identified as 19-year-old Janelle Bertot and Tony Perez, 25. Both attended Florida International University.

"They were apparently popular and very loved students who were very involved in the university," FIU spokeswoman Maydel Santana-Bravo said.

They had been dating for about a month, friends said.

Outpouring for police dog

DULUTH — Newspaper readers were so touched by the story of a blind police dog named Timber that they paid for an operation to restore his sight.

In fact, they paid for the \$2,500 surgery many times over.

Officer Michelle Rafferty was ready to cover the cost out of her own pocket rather than let her cash-strapped department exchange her partner for a new dog.

But when a story about Timber's cataract operation and Rafferty's devotion appeared in the Star Tribune of Minneapolis last month,

readers sent more than \$20,000.

Two weeks later, 22-month-old Timber appears to see well, perhaps for the first time.

When nature called last week, he had no trouble zigzagging through a stand of trees before selecting one that suited his purpose.

Museum diagnosis

BLOOMINGTON — A trip to a children's science museum proved to be a day of discovery for a 5-year-old boy and his mother, who discovered a possible heart condition in the child while checking out an exhibit.

The Rhythm of Life exhibit at the WonderLab hands-on museum allows two people to sit on either side of a bass drum and grasp a horizontal metal bar. Brass sensors detect each person's pulse, which triggers a drumstick to beat in time with the person's heart.

Melissa Hinkle noticed that her drumstick was beating about 80 times per minute, while her son's peaked at 150 times per minute.

The average heart rate for a child his age is 100.

Hinkle whisked her son to a hos-

pital emergency room.

An electrocardiogram confirmed he had an elevated heart

nrmed he had an elevated heart rate, so cardiologists gave him a heart rate monitor that he wears round-the-clock.

Dr. Richard Malone, the boy's

Dr. Richard Malone, the boy's pediatrician, said abnormal heart rates can be triggered by a number of causes such as fever, exercise, dehydration or anxiety. He said the condition is often successfully treated.

Company moves to China

SD WATERTOWN — A major employer is moving most of its business to China to save money and be closer to most of its customers.

CoEv Magnetics, a unit of Tyco Electronics, is ending its manufacturing operations and laying off 111 employees, officials said. The Watertown location will become a business development and support center with a staff of 32.

Holy cheese sandwich

MIAMI — The people at eBay were no believers in this cheesy miracle: half of a 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich whose owner claimed it bore the image of the Virgin Mary.

Diana Duyser put the sandwich up for sale, drawing bids as high as \$22,000 before eBay pulled the item.

The page was viewed nearly 100,000 times before being taken down.

An e-mail Duyser received from eBay said the sandwich broke its policy, which "does not allow listings that are intended as jokes."

But Duyser, a jewelry designer who has bought and sold items on eBay for two years, insisted this was not a laughing matter.

Duyser, 52, said she took a bite after making it 10 years ago and saw a face staring back at her from the bread.

She put the sandwich in a clear plastic box with cotton balls and kept it on her night stand.

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An open letter to U.S. servicemembers I am a 42-year-old husband and father. On Veterans Day I took a day off from work, and spent time with my children. After we nut the flag up in our front yard, we built a fort in a tree behind our house, went to a movie, out to dinner and then my 7-year-old daughter went to gymnastics class. The entire day, my children did not know fear, or hunger, or sorrow. They played and argued and laughed in freedom. I was not afraid to take them to a mall for fear we would be attacked. I knew you were there for us.

With gratitude that words cannot de scribe, I thank you for giving me this day. Thank you for that gift of seeing the happy and innocent faces of my children.

You are in our hearts and prayers. We support you. We are here for you and we love you all.

Jev Moore Apache Junction, Ariz.

Jesus' words defy 'liberal' label

In response to the Nov 17 letter "Jesus was a liberal": I am a Christian and a conservative. I am against slavery, racism, feminism and discrimination. I do know the Bible, though, and Jesus was not a liberal.

He was love incarnate and gave His life for His "sheep." and even mourned those who were not His own — not because they

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weren't being treated fairly, but because they didn't know that He came to give them ultimate freedom. He was not the mushy love of everybody's right to be as vulgar in "free speech" as long as no one prays or posts the Ten Commandments.

Hard-liner: John 14:6, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through

me.' "That sounds like a fanatical Christian.

Peace? Matthew 10:34, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. Luke 22:36, "[A]nd if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one."

Just to be clear, Jesus is the same God of the Old Testament. The same who estab lished the death penalty and gave clear guidance for "pre-emptive" and complete annihi-lation. In John 10:30, Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." John 1:1-14 also explains their unity He did tell us to pay our taxes to the gov-

ernment and our debt to God. He didn't mention tax breaks for any, just to pay what we owe. That doesn't imply He was a proponent of big government, Romans 13:1-7 tells us that God instituted government for protection and also for punishing those who do wmng

I don't suppose that "bearing the sword" is for a mere spanking; however, our taxes are part of the honor we pay to those who "give their full time to governing."

Capt. Scott Hollander Friedberg, Germany

Correction

In the Nov. 12 letter "Rule unfair to foreign nationals," the acronym BCIS should have been spelled out as Bureau of Citizen and Immigration Services.

Powell was on the inside looking out

olin Powell would have been a perfectly adequate secretary of state — for a different president. But as luck had it, Powell was the chief foreign policy adviser for George W. Bush, who didn't agree with his foreign policy ad-



vice A better man than Powell would have resigned years ago, but evidently he enjoyed the perks of power too much to leave them behind. So he hung on. even if the important decisions were being made elsewhere. But on Monday, Bush made it clear that his

services were no long-

er required. Powell was the product of two influences. First, there's the "Atlanticist" tradition, emphasizing the centrality of European security, which has dominated American foreign policy-making for the last cen-tury. Woodrow Wilson, for example, took America into World War I to keep the Kai ser's Germany from tyrannizing Europe Subsequent presidents created grand alli ances to confront the Nazis and the Soviets. Powell would have been happy to continue that alliance-minded tradition

The second influence on Powell was the Vietnam War. His two combat tours left him skeptical of military ventures amid murky geopolitics in faraway places. He was no dove; his idea, the Powell Doctrine, was "overwhelming force" followed by a quick "exit strategy." That paradigm guided his military management of U.S. operations in Panama in 1989 and Kuwait in 1990-91. The United States was in and mostly out of both conflicts within months

At first, Bush seemed in synch with Powell's vision. During the 2000 campaign, the Texan declared that America should be strong but "humble"; during his debates with Al Gore. Bush criticized the Democratic efforts at "nation-building."

But then came 9/11 and everything anged in Bush's mind. Powell, along with "Old Europe" and even the United Nations supported the Afghanistan mission. Yet it soon became apparent that his bosses had a different and more ambitious agenda.

And so Powell's doctrine of foreign-policy realism - defined as multilateralism, exit strategies and all that — was displaced by the Bush Doctrine. Its signature feature was unilateral pre-emption, followed by "generational commitments" to the forcible democ-

Powell disagreed with this new direction, and there was no law saying he had to stay in his job. In 1915, for instance, Secretary of

William Jennings Bryan disagreed with President Wilson's push toward U.S. entry into the European war, and so Bryan resigned, leaving it for history to judge

hich was the correct position.

But instead, Powell tried to have it both ways. He went along with Bush, even taking case for war against Iraq to the United Nations, where he put his credibility behind phony evidence about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. For that error alone, no matter how innocent it might have been, a more honorable figure would have resigned. Yet Powell stuck around, weakly advocating Bush policies in public — even as, in private, he disagreed with many of them.

In background conversations that he knew would leak out into newspapers and books, Powell used phrases such as "right-wing loonies" and "crazies" to describe foes in the Bush administration.

Now he's gone, by "mutual agreement." Bush, now re-elected, wants a foreign policy domo more in tune with his own views.

No doubt Powell will do well on the lec ture circuit; he always has But this much is sure: Powell will be remembered as a minor, weak secretary. Nobody doubted his physical courage in the Army. But at State he showed a lack of moral courage. ... And so he will be remembered as a mere order-follower, and an untrustworthy one at that.

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By GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

America needs debate in Cabinet meetings

By MARTIN SCHRAM Scripps Howard

he nomination of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state should be celebrated as vet another triumph of the principle that has made Washington all that it is today.

It is not Bush's principle, per se. Nor Cheney's, nor Rummy's. It is Peter's.
Peter Principle, noun. "The theory that

employees within an organization will ad vance to their highest level of competence and then be promoted to and remain at a level at which they are incompetent." American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language.) It was just one year ago that President Bush - his pre-war assertions of Irag's weapons of mass destruction disproved and postwar Iraq security disintegrated — announced with fanfare that National Security Adviser Condi Rice would head a newly created Iraq Stabilization Group to coordinate interagency efforts.

Today it is pertinent to recall how this cor ner covered that news: "In a startling and hold turnabout that rocked Washington's policy works and pundits. President Bush has announced that his national security advis er, Condoleezza Rice, will now start doing

her job.' After all, coordination of Pentagon/CIA/State conflicts was the core of an NSC adviser's job. It's the job Rice failed to Analyses that went against the Bush-Chenev-Rummy zeal for invading Iraq were dismissed or deep-sixed. As were mili tary warnings that inadequate troop levels would lead to postwar security disasters.

In time, that negative assessment of Rice's performance became widely shared by experts of various persuasions and per-

spectives. The report of the 9/11 commission assessed Rice's failings, especially her failure to act on warnings received from staff counterterrorism expert Richard Clarke:

- Jan. 25. 2001: Clarke wrote of the "urnt need" for a high-level meeting on al-Qaida. It didn't happen until seven days before 9/11
- March 23: Clarke warned that terrorists might attack the White House with a truck bomb; also, al-Qaida and other terrorist cells
- were operating in the United States.

 May 29: Clarke wrote that a Palestinian with al-Qaida ties might launch attacks. "When those attacks occur, as they likely will we will wonder what more we could have done to stop them.
- June 25: Clarke warned that "six sepa rate intelligence reports showed al-Qaida personnel warning of a pending attack
- June 28: Clarke warned that indications was preparing an attack "had reached a crescendo.
- June 30: Clarke wrote a report to Rice and others titled "Bin Ladin Planning High-Profile Attacks." On Aug. 6, other analysts included in the "President's Daily Brief" a short report titled: "Bin Ladin Determined to Strike in U.S."

All these show why Rice probably was the worst national security adviser in the modern era. But the greatest shortcoming of the 46-year-old ex-academic may have been her reluctance to firmly counter her Very Important Elders — Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Indeed, she once told an interviewer that she was "the baby' of that elite group.

(Timeout: The sound you are hearing is that of one mind boggling. I just tried to conjure the image of another 46-year-old ex-aca-



demic NSC adviser - Henry Kissinger saying he was "the baby" of Nixon's team.) Now Washington is adjusting to a new era where principle rules — the Peter Principle. After all, we'll soon inaugurate a president

who won on a record of policy successes in all areas except foreign and domestic. Rice as secretary of state wins no applause from another hard-line Bush Republi-

can who has been there and done that 'She is not the person for that job. Lawrence Eagleburger, a secretary of state for President George H.W. Bush, bluntly told CNN's "Paula Zahn Now" show.

"I do not believe that you should have in the secretary of state someone who has spent their last four years in the White House next to the president. I do believe you need tension between the State Department,

the Defense Department and the National Security Council.

Eagleburger should know. He was executive assistant to Kissinger when Nixon named Kissinger secretary of state — and let him keep his NSC adviser job, too.

Eagleburger saw from high and inside what can go wrong. So Eagleburger isn't comforted by Bush's equally principled choice to replace Rice: her loyal deputy, Stephen Hadley.

Eagleburger bemoans: "Everybody is going to speak the same language."

There is one more principle we should have learned — if not from Eagleburger's Kissinger years, then from our last four years. We are at risk any time a national security staff is recast as a bunch of bobbleheads, mindlessly nodding yes to any and

TV: 'Where never is heard a discouraging word'?

ABC's affiliate stations are afraid to broadcast "Sav ing Private Ryan" for fear of being fined by the Federal Communications Commission, it makes me wonder about the

Clarence Page



new moral order that some people think is on the rise. I can't say for sure, but if Oscar-winning director Steven Spiel berg's World War II epic tribute to America's troops is off limits the networks.

"Desperate

Housewives" had better watch their backs. Even though "Saving Private Ryan" aired uncut and without public uproar in 2001 and 2002, about 65 of

ABC's more than 220 affiliate stations refused to air the movie this Veterans Day What's changed? History and politics. First, there was Janet Jackson's breast-baring wardrobe malfunction at this year's Super Bowl, which led to heavy fines against CBS and its affiliates.

The stations tried to get an advance ruling [on "Saving Private Ryan"] but, as an FCC spokeswoman told The Hollywood Re-"that would be censorship

With no FCC guidelines to guide them, stations serving about a third of the nation censored themselves

Another factor in their decision was the reputed rise of "moral values" as a defining issue in the recent elections. just coming off an election where moral is sues were cited as a reason by people vot-ing one way or another," Ray Cole, president of Citadel Communications, which owns three Midwestern stations, told The Associated Press "And in my oninion the [FCC] commissioners are fearful of the new Congress.' But a closer look at Election Day exit

polls indicates the reputed rise in social conservatism may be a false media-gener-ated perception.Exit polls conducted nationally by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International showed "moral values" with 22 percent, beat "economy and jobs" (20 percent), "terrorism" (19 per-cent) and "Iraq" (15 percent) as the issue of greatest importance to voters.

The Pew Research Center found similar results with a post-election poll of 1,209 voters. But when Pew offered a wider range of choices, "moral values" fell to only 14 percent, behind "Iraq" (25 percent) and

ahead of "iobs and the economy" (12 per-

cent) and "terrorism" (9 percent) No it is we in the media biased toward

anything that sounds new, who inflated the importance of "moral values," hours, "moral values" became a durably defining issue of 2004 like "soccer moms in 1996 and 1994's "angry white males."

It is not even clear what the voters who mentioned "moral values" had in mind Did they mean, for example, that the racy, yet realistic language of "Saving Private Ryan" was enough to take it away from those who wanted to see it on TV without having to buy a cable TV subscription? The American Family Association of Tupelo, Miss., thinks so. The long-time TV watchdog group is urging viewers to complain to the ECC about the movie's "at least 20 'f words and 12 's' words." even though it approves of the movie's patriotic themes.

When I asked AFA President Tim Wild. mon, son of founder Don Wildmon, in a tele-phone interview if he perceived that the FCC is putting a chill on artistic creativity by the networks, he responded, "Good! They need to be chilled a little bit."

Do they? If there is anything we do not need to encourage in network television, it is more blandness.

[T]he saucy language in Spielberg's film has redeeming social value, to use the Supreme Court's famous phrase. Its language, like its brutal violence, is an integral part of the riveting realism that makes the Oscar-winning movie a uniquely effec-tive cinematic tribute to the heroism of ordinary Americans at war.

If there is any production with which par-ents can be trusted to decide the viewing habits of their household, this is it.

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-	SPORTS	•(5:00) Sports				l		l				l	l
3	arunia	The Simpsons	Everybody Loves	Charmed The gang	wants to know who	Boston Public "Ch	enter Thirty-Six*	Blue Planet		Friends Chandler	Seinfeld An auto	The Daily Show	Blind Date (CC)
10	SPEC	"The Old Man and	Raymond Baseball Hall of Fame.	is casting spells aga School. (CC)	inst the Magic	Senate tries to conv student to apply to				falls for Joey's girl- friend. (CC)	mechanic steals Jerry's car. (CC)	(CC)	
		SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	ChalkZone (CC)			Drake & Josh		Sabrina-Witch	Switched! (CC)	Radio-Roscoe	The Cosby Show	
	74 IV III V I	(:05) ★ "A Guy Thir	Ent. Tonight g" (2003, Romance	-Comedy) Jason Lee	" (2002, Action) Tobe e, Julia Stiles, Selma	** "Sand" (2000,	Drama) Michael Vart	an, Julie Delpy,	ur 2" (2001, Action) *** "Roger Dodg	er" (2002, Comedy-	Drama) Campbell	*** "Do the Rig (:15) ** "Just a Ki	iss" (2002) Ron El-
14	TMC	Blair. A groom-to-be	wakes up next to his	fiancee's cute cous	in. 'PG-13' (CC)	coastal town. 'NR' (0		p to him in a small	Scott, Jesse Eisenb how to score with th	erg. A womanizer tea le ladies. 'R' (CC)	aches his nephew	dard. Thirtysomethin a sexual round-robin	ng New Yorkers play n. 'R' (CC)
24	PBS	Cassie can't win at the fair. (EI)	(DVS)	The NewsHour Wit (CC)		Washington Week (N) (CC)	With Fortune (N)	Now With Bill Moy	ers (N) (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (N) (CC)	Journal Editorial Report (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (C	
25	SHOW	Howard, James Gan nocent 12-year-old.	R'	lems plague an in-	(:45) UCLA Shorts: Images of War "Attention"	bers hold a policem	d" (2002, Suspense) an Skarsgard. Premii an hostage. 'R' (CC)		(:45) HUFF Around the Edges	Dead Like Me "All S stalks the city. (CC)		** "The Amityville James Brolin. A fam home is possessed	by evil spirits. 'R'
27	A&E	City Confidential B pected of murdering indicted. (CC)	II McArthur is sus- his wife but never	American Justice * Hospital Murders* C patients. (CC)	Lethal Injection: The onvicted of killing	Johnson. (CC)	ck" Wrestler Dwayne	Lord of the Ring" W Cold" Steve Austin.	WF star "Stone (CC)	Biography "Andre t Than Life" A profile dre the Giant. (CC)	he Giant: Larger of pro wrestler An-	American Justice " An affair ends in mu	
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangero	16	To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	TFC	TV Patrol Interna- tional Edition	(:25) Wazz Up Wazz Up	(:15) Bida SI Miste	r, Bida Si Misis		(:45) Y Speak		Balitang America (In Tagalog)	Good Morning Kris (In Tagalog)	(:40) Masayang Tar	nghali Bayan	(:45) SQC Reload
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CO	C)	CNNI World News	●World Sport	Business Internati	onal	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	●World Sport	Biz Asia	The Music Room
31	GOLF	PGA Champi- onship Highlights	British Open High	lights 1974	 Winning and Losing 	•Golf Talk Gary Pla	iyer.	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	_	Profiles of a Pro
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "Yours Ours" Gary just mov	ed in with Jennifer.	In a Fix "Creative P ily wants him to mal promise to fix up the	ke good on his e playroom. (CC)	Clean Sweep 'Goir Clutter' Playroom ar ing grounds. (N)	nd workshop dump-	What Not to Wear ' ly's style. (N) (CC)		What Not to Wear ' lacks style.		Clean Sweep "Goin Clutter" Playroom ar ing grounds.	to the Chapel of nd workshop dump-
34	TOON		ry	Codename: Kids Next Door	Teen Titans	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon C		Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	Sheep in the Big City	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun a mishap, Steve bec African predators. (C	omes a target for (C)	Most Extreme "Sup vs. human senses. ((CC)	Venom ER An unus snakebite damages gans and muscles.	a man's internal or- (CC)	Animal Cops Detro abandonment. (CC)		Animal Cops "Soft- Skinny boxer. (CC)		Venom ER An unus snakebite damages gans and muscles. (a man's internal or- (CC)
36	СОМ	Grub Smith visits India. (CC)	nology. (CC)	The Daily Show Bill Kristol. (CC)	Mad TV Stuart is a aunt's wedding. (CC	()	Lounge Lizards Nick Dipaolo.	Comedy Central Presents Richard Jeni. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Adam Ferrara. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Comic Dom Irrera. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Paul Mer- cutio. (CC)		Presents "Mario Cantone" (CC)
40	NGC-A	Earthquakes Seism World's Wildest Pol		Snake Wranglers Eyelash pit viper. CSI: Crime Scene	Croc Chronicles "Gators High and Dry"	Penguin Baywatch CSI: Crime Scene		Sea Hunters 'Kubla CSI: Crime Scene		Nature's War Zone the arrival of thousa turtles on Raine Isla CSI: Crime Scene I	nds of pacific green ind.	Seconds From Dis Oklahoma City" The federal building in O MXC "College	Alfred P. Murrah
42	SPIKE			"Bloodlines" Rape v	ictim. (CC) (DVS)	(CC)		Change" (CC)		'n' Burial' (CC)		Girls"	Airlines"
43	FOX	Remington Steele (St. Elsewhere (CC)		Totally Outra- geous Behavior (N) (CC)	The World's Crazi- est Videos (N) (CC)	Renovate My Fami A family of seven ac ence of a new stepr	fjusts to the pres- nother. (N)	The Fox Report Wi			The Bob Newhart Show Jerry can- cels his marriage.
44	BET		Top 10 Live Mannie		homage to the black	singing groups of th		,		Club Comic View * Doug Williams* Dou	g Williams.	(CC)	BET Style Zab Ju- dah; Chingy.
46	COURT	Files	From the Case Files	raid on a suspected drug lab.	ton: house dam- aged by gunfire.	The Investigators	Trouble in Paradise"	Forensic Files Wife is found burned to death.	Forensic Files Coroner finds tell- tale clues.	Forensic Files "Head Games"	I, Detective	my Body Farm.	Forensics Acade- my Studying a gun- shot wound.
48	STR-WLD	(CC)	Show (CC)	Star News Focus Asia	Friends (CC)	●Wrestling		Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)	When Hidden Cameras Attack	Ultimate Force			Stupid Behavior Caught on Tape (CC)
50	LIFE	Dorothy and Stan owe the IRS. (CC)	Alzheimer's.	A brain-damaged w	ind" (1997, Drama) I oman suffers uncontr	ollable sexual urges.	(CC) (DVS)	Sikes. A former nun	1995, Drama) Lindsa goes to jail to protec	t a young rape victin	i. (CC)	Merge (CC)	
51	ABCFAM	7th Heaven Simon's turns a profit until Co Eric. (Part 2 of 2) (C	ecilia rats him out to C)	Smallville "Red" Cla kryptonite's evil pow	er over him. (CC)	adult Peter Pan. (CC	3)		ın, Julia Roberts. Cap			The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	Sworn to Secrecy " Strangelove Factor" all-out use of nuclea	Scenarios for the r weapons. (CC)	Modern Marvels *C munication leads to	cryptology. (CC)	Julius Caesar (N) (Caligula (CC)		Ivan the Terrible: N Russia's first tsar kil son. (CC)	Is his wives and	The Real Attila the	
57	STR-MV	Dowell, Bebe Neuwi	pardieu, Andie Mac- rth.		ilas Nickleby" (2002 ked uncle exploits his			trow, Geoffrey Rush	re in Love" (1998, i . A lovely muse help:	s break the playwrigh	ennes, Gwyneth Pal- t's writer's block.	"The Rats" (2001, 3 Spano. Genetically a threaten to overrun	altered rodents New York.
58	ADV 1	G2 '	High Peak Rescue		La Mantena Raft cific (Part 2 of 2)		Out There Studying prairie dog mating rituals.	zon	ture "Lesser Flamingos"	Ascent on G2		gle over land rights in Brazil.	Out There Studying prairie dog mating rituals.
59	мту	Friend	Friend	Kanye West, Yellowi	Awards The ceremon card, Jet and Jessica	Simpson.	American Airlines Ar	-			You've Got a Friend	"Halo 2" "Halo 2." (N)	Viva La Bam
60	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	Scaredy Camp	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Invader Zim	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (EI) (CC)	The Fairly Odd- Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning 6:15 World News 7:15 World News

8:15 World News 9:15 World News Hou 10:10 BS World Documentary: Hunt for Super-Twister (r) 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 ABC News 12:35 PGA Tour Golf Lesson (1)

2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News

Evening 6:15 CNN News

6:35 CNN NewS 6:30 X-Games 2004 7:15 NewS Today: Asia 8:15 NewS Today: World 9:15 Economic NewS

10:10 World Reports 11:15 X-Games 2004 11:35 Grand Sumo Tournament 12:10 World Golf Championships 21:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:10 World News Hour

JAPAN TV

Morning
7-30 Disney (12)
Afternoon
3:12 Grand Sumo: The 6th Day (1)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 NHK News (1)
8:30 Planet Rugbly (42)
10:50 News (1)
12:55 Grand Sun Oliquet (1)
12:50 Grand Sun Oliquet (1)
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2:40 CBS Documentary (6) 3:25 U.S. Movie (1985): Haunted Honeymoon (1:35)(12) 3:26 U.S. Movie (1973): Two People (1:42)(10) 4:00 Grand Sumo Digest (1)(r)

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Morning 6:35 U.S. Movie (2002): Terminal Invasion (1:25) 11:55 TV Series: Sex and the City

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9:30 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Or-chestra Concert

Chestra Concert Afternoon 1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 6th Day (bilin-gual after 4 p.m.) Evening 7:00 NHK News 12:30 Classical Music: NHK Music Festival 2004: Concertogebow Orchestra Amster-dam, etc.

MTV

Morning 6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Thursday

8:00 Top Choice

10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice **Afternoon** 12:00 Classic '90s

12:00 Classic '90s
1:00 Screen
1:30 Consensus: Destiny's Child
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 Top Choice Selection: New Artist
5:00 Top Choice
Evening
6:00 M Size Friday
7:00 Rocks

7.00 Rocks russy
7.00 Rocks russy
8.00 Live Franz Ferdinand
8.00 Live The Music
8.00 M Size Request
1.00 M Size Rocks Supported by
1.00 M Size Friday
3.00 M Size Friday
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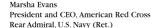
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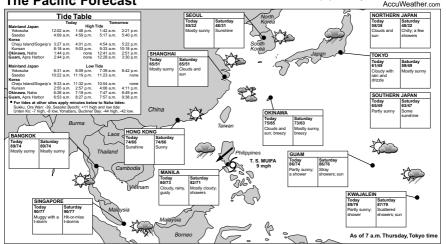




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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 59, low 46. Monday: Mostly sunny, high 56, low 48.

KADENA

Sunday: Partly sunny, high 75, low 63. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 75, low 65.

SEOUL

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 51, low 32. Monday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 35.

MANILA

Sunday: Showers, high 84, low 71. Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 73.

HAGATNA

Sunday: Showers, high 88, low 76. Monday: Showers, high 86, low 76.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	59/39	Los Angeles	75/54
Amarillo	58/44	Los Angeles	71/54
Anchorage	28/22	Louisville	62/55
Asheville	67/44		80/67
		Miami	
Baltimore	62/42	Milwaukee	62/47
Birmingham	72/52	Nashville	67/51
Bismarck	59/26	New York	57/48
Boise	52/35	Omaha	67/43
Boston	48/40	Orlando	79/56
Brownsville	89/67	Philadelphia	61/42
Buffalo	56/47	Phoenix	75/55
Burlington	50/39	Pittsburgh	55/48
Charleston, St	C 70/46	Portland, OR	54/44
Charlotte	67/46	Portland, ME	49/35
Cleveland	58/49	Salt Lake City	52/34
Columbus, OF	57/53	St. Louis	71/53
Duluth	53/30	San Antonio	74/58
El Paso	62/42	San Diego	71/56
Hartford	55/36	San Juan	85/73
Helena	54/22	Tampa	80/58
Indianapolis	65/52	Tulsa	74/55
Jacksonville	73/50	Washington	61/46
Kansas City	72/50	Wichita	65/51



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will spread rain from the Midwest into the Ohio Valley on Friday. Windy conditions will precede the system in the lower Great Lakes, while thunderstorms will rumble in the Mississippi Valley ahead of the associated cold front. The rest of the Southeast will remain dry under the dominance of an area of high pressure. Another cold front will trigger a few showers across parts of the Northeast Meanwhile a blast of cold air will push into the Northwest and Rockies in the wake of a cold front. The cold and unsettled air mass will lead to snow falling over the mountains. A chilly weekend is in store for the Rockies as the cold air remains situated over the region.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

Friday's World Temperatures

Friday's Facilic Temperatures						Friday's World Temperatures							
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY I	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	89/74	lwakuni	64/47	Sasebo NB	63/49	Acapulco	90/73	Budapest	47/23	Kabul	64/29	Nairobi	79/53
Beijing	54/34	Kadena AB	75/65	Sapporo	58/38	Athens	65/54	Buenos Aires	73/56	Kiev	40/29	New Delhi	86/54
Camp Casey	56/32	Kunsan AB	58/42	Seoul	55/32	Auckland	64/53	Cairo	71/50	Kuwait	74/52	Oslo	28/21
Christchurch	71/56	Kwajalein	89/79	Shanghai	65/51	Baghdad	74/46	Cancun	80/69	London	36/29	Paris	37/23
Diego Garcia	85/77	Manila	80/73	Singapore	90/77	Barbados	87/72	Cape Town	84/62	Madrid	63/46	Rio de Janeiro	72/63
Hagatna	86/74	Misawa AB	57/38	Sydney	83/50	Barcelona	63/45	Geneva	38/25	Mexico City	72/52	Rome	62/40
Hanoi	74/63	Osan	57/35	Taegu	59/40	Berlin	34/24	Istanbul	62/49	Montreal	46/28	St. Petersburg	25/16
Hong Kong	74/66	Perth	74/60	Taipei	73/59	Bermuda	70/60	Jerusalem	64/47	Mogadishu	86/72	Stockholm	27/19
Honolulu	86/68	Pusan	62/45	Tokyo	61/49	Brussels	37/24	Johanneshun	g 84/62	Moscow	34/22	Warsaw	31/20



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Friday

AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m. - Golf: World Cup. lirst round.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA: San Antonio at Priliageipnia.

AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.—College football:
Maryland at Virginia Tech.

AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.—NBA: New York at AFN-Sports, 2 p.m.—NBA: Inside the NBA. AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—College basketball: Memphis vs. St. Marv's at New York. Memphis vs. St. Mary's at reew fors.

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College basketball:
Mississippi State vs. Syracuse at New York.

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—Tennis: ATP Masters
Cup, Day 4 (did).

Saturday

erts, 3:30 a.m. - Golf: World Cup second round.

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—College basketball:
Memphis or St. Mary's vs. Mississippi State
or Syracuse at New York.

AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.—NBA: Indiana at De-

Sacramento.

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR
Craftsman Trucks Ford 200 (did).

AFN-Sports, 9:30 p.m.—Tennis: ATP Masters Cup, Day 5.

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Pro football

San Francisco 1 8 0 1.1
Sunday's games
Chicago 19, Tennessee 17, OT
Indianapolis 49, Houston 14
Baltimore 20, N.Y. Jets 17, OT
St. Louis 22, Seattle 12
Atlanta 24, Tampa Bay 14
Jacksonyille 23, Detroit 17, OT
New Orleans 27, Kansas City 20 New Oricans 27, Kansas City 20 Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 10 Cincinnati 17, Washington 10 Arizona 17, N.Y. Glants 14 Green Bay 34, Minnesota 31 Carolina 37, San Francisco 27 New England 29, Buffalo 6 Open: Miam Monday's game Open: Miami, Denver, Oal Monday's ga Philadelphia 49, Dallas 21

Sunday, Nov. 21
Dallas at Baltimore
St. Louis at Buffalo St. Louis at Buffalo Indianapolis at Chicago Denver at New Orleans N.Y. Jets at Cleveland Arizona at Carolina Tennessee at Jacksonville Detroit at Minnesota Pittsburgh at Cincinnati San Francisco at Tampa Bay Miami at Seattle San Diego at Oakland Atlanta at N.Y. Giants

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants
Washington at Philadelphia
Green Bay at Houston
Monday, Nov. 22
New England at Kansas City
Thursday, Nov. 25
Indianapolis at Detroit

Thursday, Nov. 25
Indianapolis at Detroit
Chicago at Dallas
Sunday, Nov. 28
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Baltimore at New England
Tennessee at Houston
San Diego at Kansas City
Tampa Bay at Carolina
Washinotton at Pittshurph Washington at Pittsburgh Jacksonville at Minnesota Philadelphia at New York Glants New Orleans at Atlanta New York at Arizona Miami at San Francisco Buffalo at Seattle Oakland at Denver Monday, Nov. 29 St. Louis at Green Bay

College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Nov. 18 nia Tech vs. Marvia No. 15 Virgin . 15 Virginia Tech vs. Mar Saturday, Nov. 2 . 2 Auburn at Alabama . 2 Oklahoma at Baylor . 4 California vs. Stanford . 5 Utah vs. BYU No. 5 Utah vs. BYU No. 7 Michigan at Ohio State No. 8 Louisville at Houston No. 9 Wisconsin at No. 17 Iowa No. 10 Florida State vs. Florida No. 12 Miami vs. Wake Forest No. 12 Miami vs. Wake Forest No. 13 Bolse State vs. Louislana Tech No. 14 LSU vs. Mississippi No. 15 Tennessee at Vänderbilt No. 18 Virginia at Georgia Tech No. 19 Boston College at Temple No. 24 UTEP vs. SMU

NCAA Division II playoffs

Second Round
Saturday, Nov. 20
Grand Valley State (9-2) at Northwood

(ID-1) West Chester (9-3) at Shippensburg (10-1) Edinboro (9-2) at East Stroudsburg (9-1) Carson-Newman (9-2) at Valdosta State (9-1)
Texas A&M-Kingsville (9-1) at Northwest
Missouri State (10-1)
North Dakota (9-2) at Michigan Tech (9-1)
Arkansas Tech (10-1) at Albany State, Ga.

orado Mines (12-0) at Pittsburg State NCAA Division III playoffs First Round Saturday, Nov. 20

Saturday, Nov. 20 Curry, Mass. (9-1) at Hobart, N.Y. (8-1) Muhlenburg, Pa. (8-2) at St. John Fisher, N.Y. (9-1) Shenandoah, Va. (7-3) at Delaware Valley (10-0) 0) idgewater, Va. (8-2) at Washington & Jef-on, Pa. (10-0) ount St. Joseph, Ohio (10-0) at Wheaton,

II. (9-1)
Aurora, III. (6-4) at Wooster, Ohio (10-0)
Carthage, Wis. (9-1) at Alma, Mich. (8-2)
Christopher Newport, Va. (8-2) at Salis-ury, Md. (10-0)
St. Norbert (9-1) at Wisconsin-La Crosse St. Norbert (9-1) at Wisconsin-La Crosse (6-3) Wartburg, Iowa (8-2) at Concordia-Moor-head (10-0) Mary Hardin-Baylor (9-1) at Trinity, Texas (9-1) llamette, Ore. (7-3) at Occidental, Calif.

NAIA playoffs

First Round
Saturday, Nov. 20
Morningside (6-2) at St. Francis, Ind. (10-0)
Trinity, III. (8-2) at Georgetown, Ky. (10-0)
Azusa Pazelin (9-2) at Northwestern Oklaoma State (9-1)
Tabor (9-1) at Sloux Falls (10-0)
Carroll, Mont. (8-2) at Mary, N.D. (9-1)
MidAmerica Nazarene (9-2) at McKendree (9-1)
Hastings (8-2) at Lindenwood (11-0)
Montana Tech (8-3) at Dickinson State
(9-1)

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25 schedule

Wednesday's game No. 19 North Carolina State vs. New Or Thursday's games No. 2 Wake Forest vs. Virginia Common-

No. 2 Wake Forest vs. Virginia Common-No. 5 Syracuse vs. No. 12 Mississippi State at Madigon Square Garden No. 19 North Carolina State vs. Enon or Fair-leigh Dickinson No. 19 North Carolina State vs. Enon or Fair-leigh Dickinson No. 19 North Carolina vs. Et Marrys, Calif. at Madison Square Garden No. 1 Georgia Tech vs. Alabama State No. 4 North Carolina vs. Santa Ciara at The No. 5 Syracuse vs. No. 24 Memphis or St. No. 5 Syracuse vs. No. 24 Memphis or St.

a III Ganafiu . 5 Syracuse vs. No. 24 Memphis or St. 's. Calif. at Madison Square Garden

Mary's, Calif. at Madison Square Garden No. 6 Illinois vs. Delaware State No. 7 Oklahoma State vs. Northwestern No. 12 Mississippi State vs. No. 24 Me phis or St. Mary's, Calif. at Madison Squ Garden

ien . 13 Michigan State vs. Florida A&M . 15 Maryland vs. Jackson State . 16 Texas vs. Texas State . 18 Alabama vs. Western Carolina . 19 North Carolina State vs. TBA, TBA . 20 Notre Dame vs. Harvard

No. 23 Florida vs. Jacksonville at Jackson-ille Veterans Memorial Arena No. 25 Gonzaga vs. Portland State Saturday's games No. 8 Connecticut vs. Buffalo No. 9 Kentucky vs. Coppin State No. 11 Duke vs. Tennessee-Martin

No. 17 Pittsburgh vs. Howard No. 21 Wisconsin vs. Pennsylv Sunday's games No. 6 Illinois vs. Florida A&M No. 6 Illinois vs. Florida A&M No. 10 Arizona at Virginia No. 12 Mississippi State vs. Nicholls State No. 18 Alabama vs. North Texas No. 25 Gonzaga vs. Montana x-must win previous game to advance

Tuesday's men's scores

EAST on 63, Nyack 55

Gannon G3, Nyack 55
Molloy 99, Dominican, N.Y., 82
Philadelpha 71, Holy Family 64
Southampton 94, Post, Conn. 93
St. Vincent 93, Wid 2013
St. Vincent 93, Wid 2013
Ala-HuntsVille 57, UTA
Barton 101, N.C.-Pembroke 81
Barton 101, N.C.-Pembroke 81
Florida Sou, 14, Puerto Rito-Mayaguez 42
King, Tenn. 83, Bryan 82
Limestone 81, North Greenville 93
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Limestone 81, North Greenville 97
Mobile 84, Faulther 71 Montreat 68, Virginia-Wise 57 N.C. Central 94, St. Paul's 37

Monthead GA, Virginia Wise 37

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Arkansas Tech 90, Williams Baptisl Tarleton St. 78, Hillsdale Baptist 52 TOURNAMENTS BCA Classic Championship Marquette 69, Air Force 65

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Jacksonville S. Perent S. 4.)
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Tuesday's women's scores

FAST Clarion 70. Pitt - Johnstown 68 Gannon 68, Silppery Rock 55 Geneva 73, Mount Vernon Nazars S. Connecticut 82, Mercy, N.Y. 31 St. Rose 80, Dominican, N.Y. 3 West Chester 65, Holy Family 58 SOUTH Blue Mountain 63, Belhaven 58

Bryan 67, King, Tenn. 66 Columbus St. 93, Clark Atlanta 48 Georgia College 75, West Georgia 44 Indiana Wesleyan 77, Spalding 68 Kentucky Wesleyan 87, Martin Met

kentucky Wesleyan 8r. Martin Meet Lenoir-Rhyne 77. Winston-Salem 72 Livingstone 61, Mount Olive 48 N.C. Central 94, St. Paul's 44 Newberry 66, S.C.-Alken 64 Newberry 66, S.C.-Alken 64

Mount Mercy 60, Culver-Stockton 57 Oakland City 89, Midway 56

Sioux Falls 75, Si Tanka-Huron 64 Southwest St., Minn. 87, Waldorf 56 K. Francis, Ind. 89, Indiana Tech 79 Tiffin 65, Madonna 62 Orik, Neb. 71, Dana 70 Orik, Neb. 71, Dana 70 Lyon 65, Harding 48, Sadale Baptist 94 Regis 83, South Bakota 50 Regis 83, South Dakota 50 EXHIBITION

EARIBLIUM Connecticut 74, Houston Jaguars 63 Florida A&M 67, Albany, Ga. 56 Florida Son. 79. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez 60 orida sou. 79, Puerto Rico-M ickson St. 63, Tougaloo 52 byola, NO 73, SE Louisiana 61

College soccer

Division I women's tournament Third Round Nov. 19-21

At campus sites
N. Carolina (19-0-2) vs. Santa Clara (16-4-2)
Illinois (15-5-2) vs. Nebraska (14-8-0) Portland (19-3-0) vs. Texas (15-6-2) Connecticut (18-6-1) vs. Notre Dame

21-1-1)
Duke (14-7-0) vs. UCLA (15-6-0)
Tennessee (17-4-2) vs. Ohio St. (18-3-3)
Princeton (17-2-0) vs. Boston Coli (16-6-0) Washington (16-4-1) vs. Maryland (9-6-4)

College hockey

Tuesday's scores EAST nerican International 1. Holy Cross 1. tie

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High school

Football The Top Ten

The Top Ten teams in the Stars and Stripes' final 2004 Far East high school football ratings, with final records, points and last week's rating, as compiled by Dave Orazer based primarily on teams' win-loss records, quality of wins, strength of overall roster, point differential, team and individual statistics, strength of schedule and strength of leagues. Maximum rating is 500

Record Pts Pvs . Yokota (Japan)
2. Nile C. Kinnick (Japan)
3. Seoul American
4. Kadena Islanders (Okinawa)
5. George Washington (Guam)
6. Father Duenas (Guam)
7. Simon Sanchez (Guam)
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Yokota: Chris Roach 280 all-purpose yards, two touchdowns (203 yards, one touch-down, 17 carries; 77 yards, one touch-three returns). Shawn Novak 3-for-4, 103 yards, two touchdowns. DJ. McCary 85 yards, two touchdowns. DJ. McCary 85 surds, "two" Touchidown. E. Di. SteCal. y 82 syrds, but Opendown. Now Eathers.

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Week 11 grid honors

Tennis

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Doubles
Brittany Gehrke and Bekka Lemons, Guam High, def. Haein Jung and Sydonia Manibu-san 8-5

Boys volleyball

Saturday's summary St. Paul Christian def. Guam High 25-20, 25-21 At Nimitz Hill, Guam No statistics available. Guam High def. John F. Kennedy

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S Scott Farley.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed S Dex-ter Jackson, Released RB Jamel White.

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COLLEGE

DEPAUL—Signed Doug Bruno, women's
basketball coach, to a contract extension
through the 2010-11 season.

MAMM—Announced it would field a women's lacrosse team starting in 2007.

NEW MEXICO—Signed Rocky Long, football coach, to a contract extension through
2009.

TANK MCNAMARA A FAN WHO'S ENGROSSED IN







Freshman running back Michael Hart (20) is one of several weapons seventh-ranked Michigan has that has kept Ohio State coach Jim Tressel awake at night as the Buckeyes prepare for Saturday's big game.

Wolverines provide Buckeyes plenty of on-field concerns

BY RUSTY MILLER

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Insomnia struck Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, and not because of problems the football program is facing off the field

Anxiety over his team's impending matchup with rival Michigan on Saturday is what is keeping Tressel awake lately.

Tressel is a micromanager, and Monday night while in bed he stared at the ceiling - convinced he wasn't fully prepared for the seventh-ranked Wolverines.

"My son called after I was asleep and woke me up," Tressel said Tuesday. "When your son calls, you like that because sons don't call as much as daughters. I fell back asleep and all of a sudden I found myself thinking. 'What if [the Wolverines] are in this defense? What if they're in this coverage?' You do think about it constantly.

Ohio State's program is under siege by former tailback Maurice Clarett, who has said Tressel set

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him up with cars and that he received money from boosters and improper help on his schoolwork while playing one season for the Buckeyes

Tressel, who met with an NCAA investigator on Monday, is confident that once the investigation is complete he his staff and the university will be cleared of any wrongdoing. He said the investigation - and the swirling charges — must be kept separate from Saturday's game

"Perhaps it's a distraction, but the last thing that it is is an excuse," Tressel said, "We're playing the Ohio State-Michigan game this weekend, which is the greatest honor you can possibly have as a collegiate football player or coach. There's no way the distraction is any excuse for not playing the greatest football game we've played in 2004."

Michigan (9-1 7-0) will be playing for an outright Big Ten title and a berth in the Rose Bowl when it faces the Buckeyes (6-4, who will be backed by 105.000 fans at loud and rowdy Ohio Stadium

The Wolverines have plenty of weapons in tailback Michael Hart and quarterback Chad Henne both freshmen — and the stellar receiving corps of Braylon Edwards. Steve Breaston and Jason

Tressel, usually not much on hype, nonetheless went to extremes speaking about Michigan.

"As we approach Michigan. who I think is a fantastic football team, I think all you have to do is look at a lot of the statistics," Tressel said. "You can see that they do the things that you need to do to

"They have great players. They get after it. They play their best game of the year in the Ohio State-Michigan game. We need to play our best game of the year in the Ohio State-Michigan game."

Tressel spoke to his players on Monday, underscoring the importance of the rivalry.

"He basically gave us some of the history of the game and what it should mean to us, what it means to the staff, the city of Columbus, the state of Ohio," quar-terback Troy Smith said. "This is one of the biggest games of the year. It's something that we as a team can't take lightly."

Other than several backup players with season-ending injuries, the Buckeyes will be at full strength when they meet their rivals for the 101st time. Defensive backs Nate Salley, Donte Whitner and Dustin Fox are expected to be back for the Buckeyes, along with former starting quarterback Justin Zwick

Even though Ohio State - unlike the past two seasons - is not playing for a spot in a BCS game or for a Big Ten title, Tressel said there is still a lot to be gained

"A 7-4 record would be a great year when you're sitting on 6-4. he said. "Would you have rooted for it at the start of the year? No. But we're not at the start of the vear and (7-4) would be extraordinary for us

Would 6-5 be a good year? The way you feel right this moment, it'd be a horrible year. But we've got that big one to play.'

Terps traveling tough road to bowl

BY DAVID GINSBURG The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - After four months of practice, nine tough football games and no small measure of anguish, it all comes down to this for Maryland: The Terrapins must beat No. 15 Virginia Tech on the road Thursday night to keep their bowl hopes alive and avoid their first losing season under coach Ralph

Maryland's finale against Wake Forest will be virtually meaningless if the Terps can't defeat the Hokies, who have won five straight and stand alone atop the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Coach has made it very clear to us that this is a two-game sea-Maryland senior offensive tackle Lou Lombardo said Tuesday. "If we want to go to a bowl game we have to win these two games. It doesn't matter how we do it. We all want to be successful in every aspect of the game, but we just need to get it done.

Maryland went to a bowl game in each of Friedgen's three previous seasons as head coach, but that streak is in jeopardy. The Terrapins revived their hopes with a 20-17 upset of Florida State on Oct. 30, but a humbling 16-0 loss Virginia one week later put Maryland on the verge of its first losing season since 2000.

Now, following a week off, the Terrapins (4-5, 2-4) said they feel refreshed and refocused.

"I think the bye week has given us a chance to get away from football a little bit, so no one gets close to being burned out." Lombardo said. "It also gave us a chance to regroup, get ready emotionally and physically. I think the mood of the team is very positive."

Beating Virginia Tech (7-2, 4-1) would put a dent in the Hokies' bid to win the ACC title in their first season in the league, but the Terrapins couldn't care less about being a spoiler.

"I'm not really thinking about what this means for V-Tech. tight end Rob Abiamiri said. "I'm Maryland at Virginia Tech AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.

thinking more of what this means for us. Right now we want to win our last two games to become bowl eligible."

The Terrapins would have loved to avoid being placed in a must-win situation against one of the best teams in one of the most competitive conferences in the nation, but little went according to plan after a 55-21 win over Duke in September left Maryland with a 3-1 record.

After a week off, the Terps totaled only 17 points in consecutive losses to Georgia Tech, North Carolina State and Clemson. Along the way they had a quarterback controversy, which has since been resolved, although freshman Jordan Steffy again replaced starter Joel Statham in the fourth quarter at Virginia

Statham now faces the prospect of trying to dent a defense that has permitted an average of 13.8 points per game and has allowed only three touchdown passes in the past eight games

No matter. For Statham and the rest of the Terps, the past is irrelevant. All that matters is what hapnens Thursday night.

"It's a very, very important game," Friedgen said. "If we were to finish with a winning record, I'd feel like we had a successful season, given all the things that hannened with injuries and youth It's significant in the fact that it gives us a chance to go a bowl and also to have a winning season.

A victory would also enable the Terrapins to prove they still have enough talent to play with anyone in the ACC

"It's going to be big nationally televised game, and it's going to be game for us to not only try to get a bowl bid, but show the nation what we're all about," punter Adam Podlesh said, "We all believe that we can do it. It's just a matter of going out there and playing our best game."

Coaches to keep votes secret

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The final coach es' vote before the Orange Bowl will stay a secret ballot. Despite some calls to make

eir picks public, the 61 college football coaches who vote in the USA Today/ESPN poll decided not to release their choices. Grant Teaff, executive director

of the American Football Coaches Association, surveyed the 61 coaches earlier this month. He said it was a split opinion — about 31-30 against.

"There was not a clear majority," Teaff said Tuesday on a conference call.

Teaff, a longtime voter as coach at Baylor in the 1970s and '80s, said he preferred to see the ballots released.

"It would be a positive thing for everybody, and I would lobby for it," he said. "I don't have a problem with it." The coaches poll and The Asso-

ciated Press media poll each count for one-third of a team's Bowl Championship Series ranking.

Ballots of AP voters are made available when warranted.

Teaff said all Division I coaches voted 88-29 after last season to keen the hallots secret. The survev came after Southern California and LSU split the national championship.

Teaff said the issue would be considered again in January when the coaches meet.

Roddick uses different strokes to beat Henman

HOUSTON - Andy Roddick didn't get to use his favorite weapons and tactics. It didn't matter.

Roddick, waited during a rain delay, then got key shots from his backhand and charged the net to hold off Tim Henman for a 7-5, 7-6 (6) victory Tuesday night in the first **Tennis**

roundup

round of the ATP Masters Cup championship. Roddick had one serve hit 142 mph, but he didn't win this one

with his trademark blasts "Go figure." Roddick said. "I didn't feel I served that well, I didn't feel I hit my forehand that well but I moved and volleyed great so it was an atypical

match for me. The match started more than two hours late because of steady rain. After finally taking the court both players battled on serve in the first set until Roddick finally broke Henman in the 12th game with a backhand winner down the line

"If I had to choose, I wanted Andy to beat me with his backhand so you have to give him credit, he came up with the big point," Henman said

Roddick also charged the net more than usual, and Henman also gave him credit for that.

"He knows I want to establish myself at the net and it's harder for me to do that if he's already at the net," Henman said.

Roddick had to fight off two break points in the 11th game. He escaped the second break point with a service winner, then held serve on Henman's forehand error.

The second set was just as tight, going down to the tiebreaker, when Henman took a 5-2 lead before Roddick rallied. He took a 6-5 lead after chasing down Henman's shot to the corner and hammering home a passing shot

Henman saved the first match point with a return of serve winner, but his forehand error on the sec-

ond match point ended it "I battled and won the big points, so I can take a lot of positives out of this," Roddick said.



Andy Roddick, above, did not hammer many of his trademark hard serves in defeating Tim Henma 7-5, 7-6 (6) Tuesday in the ATP Masters Cup. The American used an array of passing shots and charged the net more than he normally does.

In earlier matches, third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt came back from a first-set lag to beat Carlos Moya 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 and Marat Safin needed just one hour to beat Guillermo Coria 6-1, 6-4. Coria played his first match in more than three months after surgery on his right shoulder.

Davenport finishes season ranked No. 1

LOS ANGELES - Lindsay Davenport finished No. 1 in the world for the third time in the final WTA rankings of 2004.

Davenport won a WTA Tour-leading seven titles and had a 22-match winning streak during the summer hardcourt season. She also was No. 1 in 1998

She led second-ranked Amelie Mauresmo by 214 points. Mauresmo could have surpassed Davenport if the Frenchwoman had won the season-ending WTA Championships, but she lost in the semifinals

Responding to Clarett, Geiger, Tressel defend **OSU's football program**

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger and coach Jim Tressel defend ed the school's football program Tuesday against charges that players were paid by boosters and coddled

academically.

harsh words

for former tail

Geiger had

briefs

back Maurice Clarett and for ESPN, which he said has led an attack against the school by providing a forum for Clarett's allegations

An NCAA investigator was on campus Monday to look into accusations that Tressel helped Clarett get a loaner car and that he and other players were paid for bogus summer jobs and received improper help in class.

I'm not concerned at all," Geiger said of the investigation. "I think Jim runs an honest program and tells me the truth.

Clarett, who made the charges on ESPN last week, led Ohio State to the national championship in 2002. Under the current circumstances, Geiger said he did not be-lieve Ohio State's title might be

"Unless and until there would be found an institutional violation. I don't think it's in jeopardy," Geiger said.

Mark Shapiro, executive vice president of programming and production at ESPN, said Geiger's attacks on the network "are blatantly misguided."

Clarett was suspended after his freshman season for lying to investigators during another NCAA probe of allegations that he received improper benefits from a family friend. He then lost a court challenge of the NFL's rule pre venting players out of high school less than three years from being

Family members say Clarett is working out with a trainer at an undisclosed location in preparation for the NFL Draft.

Alan Milstein, Clarett's lawyer in the antitrust suit against the NFL, declined comment Tuesday. Clarett's mother did not return a message seeking comment.

Stoops links ESPN to 'agendas' among poll voters

NORMAN, Okla. - Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said Tuesday that college football poll voters should be aware that ESPN has a contract with the Southeastern Conference when they consider the cable sports network's analysis that Auburn should be the nation's No. 2 team.

Stoops mentioned ESPN's contract with the SEC during his weekly news conference stopped short of accusing the network of bias.

"I'm not saying that," Stoops said. "I'm saying I'm aware of what their contracts are with. Whether people are directed in certain ways, I'm not going to say

to be aware who their contracts are with and what some of their agendas may be.'

Stoops would not say whether he thought ESPN altered its analysis to favor SEC teams.

"That would be for everyone else to comment on, not me. I don't think that's appropriate, Stoops said. "I just understand TV and what happens with programs. Ratings matter. I don't know what to say about it

Auburn which had trailed Oklahoma in the AP media poll all season, moved even with the Sooners this week following a 24-6 win over Georgia which had been No. 8. Oklahoma beat unranked Nebraska 30-3.

Oklahoma remained No. 2 in the coaches poll, although its lead was cut to two points over Auburn.

East Carolina's coach resigns

RALEIGH, N.C. - East Carolina football coach John Thompson resigned Wednesday but will finish the season, ending his first stint as a head coach after only two seasons

Since replacing Steve Logan. Thompson is 3-18.
The Pirates (2-7, 2-5 Confer-

ence USA) play Memphis on Sat-urday, and N.C. State on Nov. 27.

New Mexico coach gets extension through 2009

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. New Mexico signed coach Rocky Long to a contract extension through 2009 on Tuesday.

While details of the contract are still being worked out, Long is getting a pay raise of about \$100,000 a year in an annual salary package totaling \$425,000.

New Mexico (6-4), second in the Mountain West Conference, hosts Wyoming in its regular-season finale Saturday. A victory would ensure New Mexico of a third straight bowl bid for the first time in school history.

Study: Lack of minority coaches mirrors overall lack of diversity

ORLANDO, Fla. - The low number of minorities coaching college football teams reflects a lack of diversity among college and conference leaders, according to a University of Central Florida study released Wednesday.

UCF's Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport found there were five blacks and one Hispanic employed as head coaches at the 117 Division I-A football schools as of Oct. 31.

That low percentage mirrors the numbers for university presidents (5 percent), athletic direc-tors (8 percent), faculty athletic representatives (9 percent) and conference commissioners (zero minorities)

"It is clear from this data that the vast majority of the most powerful people in college sport are white," institute director Richard Lapchick said in a statement. "Does this have an impact on the hiring of head football coaches? How could it not?"

Bryant's attorneys back in court for initial hearing in civil lawsuit

The Associated Press DENVER - Three months

after prosecutors dropped a sexual assault charge against Kobe Bryant. attor neys for the NBA star pre-



pared to return to court for the first hearing in a civil lawsuit filed by his accuser

Neither Bryant nor the -year-old woman was expected in federal court for Wednesday's hearing in the suit, which seeks unspecified damages for pain, ridicule and scorn the woman savs she has suffered since her encounter with Bryant at a Vail-area resort in June 2003

"Now it becomes a question of whether he or she are looking for some form of public vindication through a civil trial," said Denver attorney Craig Silverman.

The woman filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court on Aug. 10, about three weeks before she told prosecutors she no longer wanted to participate in the criminal case. Wednesday's hearing is expect-

ed to be routine, devoted mostly to setting deadlines and schedules, but court rules allow for a broad range of other actions.

"This is one of the first minor pressure points in the case." Silverman said. "Pressure points can sometimes lead to settle ments, but I would be surprised if that was announced.

John Clune, the woman's Colorado attorney, declined to comment on whether a settlement has been discussed.

L. Lin Wood, an Atlanta attorney who is also part of the woman's legal team, said he did not expect any surprises Wednesday

Wood said he does expect Bryant's attorneys to bring up the fact that the accuser is considering filing another civil suit against Bryant in state court in Orange County, Calif., where the 26-year-old lives.

California does not limit damages in a civil lawsuit. Colorado law, which will govern the lawsuit in Denver federal court, makes it difficult for a plaintiff to collect more than \$733,000.

Wood has said that's far less than fair compensation for the intense media scrutiny, death threats and loss of privacy the accuser has faced

Hornets' Davis out five games

NEW ORLEANS - Hornets

quard Raron Davis will miss at least five games after being nut on the injured list Wednesday because of an inflamed disc in his lower back. Through five games this sea-

son. Davis averaged a team-leading 24.6 points, 8.0 assists, 3.8 rebounds and 1.6 steals.

Syracuse AD to retire

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Syracuse athletic director Crouthamel, who was instrumen tal in the formation of the Big East Conference and the building of the Carrier Dome, announced Wednesday he will retire at the

Crouthamel, 66, has been AD at Syracuse since 1978. After his playing career at Dartmouth ended, he just missed making the Dallas Cowboys' roster in 1960 and played briefly with the Boston Patriots of the AFL. He was head coach at Dartmouth from 1971-77

Crouthamel has been a staunch supporter of football coach Paul squaloni despite the team's 15-19 record over the past three seasons. The AD said he would evaluate the football program after the season finale at Boston College Nov. 27.

D-backs still snakebitten Percival, Tigers agree

Arizona will be even worse in 2005 unless it faces reality

BY KEN ROSENTHAL The Sporting News

Jerry Colangelo was removed as chief executive officer Wally Backman was ousted almost immediately as manager. Consider



them lucky in one sense Each got to S.S. Arizona. As bad as

backs were last season - their 51-111 record was the worst by a National League team since 1965 — next

son they could be even wors Impossible? Perhaps. But fu-ture Hall of Fame left-hander Randy Johnson is a goner. Free-agent first baseman Richie Sexson is a goner.

And free-agent center fielder Steve Finley isn't coming back. Even though Diamondbacks ex-

ecutives vow to compete - perhaps fearing their attendance will crater if they suggest otherwise

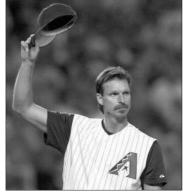
— the truth is they have no chance.

The Diamondbacks need to start over, just as the Indians, Twins and A's did after hitting rock bottom. Their strategy should be to get the best young players they can for Johnson, use the Sexson money on impact draft picks and build a contender for 2006 or '07, when their top prospects will be ready to make

Naturally, they're planning just the opposite.

Diamondbacks general partner Ken Kendrick notes — correctly
— that the team will save about \$25 million if Johnson and Sexson depart, creating enviable flexibility in a buyer's market. Kendrick also notes — correctly, again that the Padres contended in the N.L. West last season after finishing with the worst record in the National League the year before

Injuries wrecked the Diamondbacks' chances, and general manager Joe Garagiola is hellbent on improving the team's defense. which was one of the worst in the



The Diamondbacks, 51-111 last year, will likely trade left-h Randy Johnson, above, before the start of the 2005 season.

But which players will take the D-backs' money? Ask the Orioles, Mets and other misguided clubs of recent vintage — overpaying mediocre veterans only impedes progress

The first sign Backman had a screw loose was when he said dur-ing his introductory news conference that he intended to win immediately. Even if the Diamond-backs make all the right moves. it's doubtful they can match their major league-record 35-game improvement from 1998 to '99

And even if they do, they will finish with a mere 86 wins probably not enough for a postseason berth

For a team that failed to do a background check on Backman, a reality check is in order. But under the new owners as under Colangelo, the Deferral-backs are trying to buy time, playing for today instead of tomorrow.

If the Diamondhacks intend to compete, they can't do it without

And Johnson's mind-set, according to one of his agents, Alan Nero, is the same as it was last July: He wants out.

Kendrick says the team will deal Johnson only for "comparable value ... front-line players but Johnson is the one in control, armed with no-trade protection that effectively enables him to select his next team. The Diamond-backs, lacking leverage, need to act swiftly, or Johnson's prospective suitors will plug their holes by signing free agents.

This process isn't easy. Arizona's home attendance has de-clined from 3.2 million to 2.8 million to 2.5 million over the past three seasons. A continued decline will further compromise the franchise as its deferred payments to former players come due. Fans spoiled by the 2001 World Series title probably will not want to see a team full of Luis Terreros and Koyie Hills, especially when the Diamondbacks have rushed too many youngsters to the majors, retarding their de-

Strong leadership is required, but the team's new ownership is full of novices, including the new CEO, former agent Jeff Moorad Good baseball men - assistant G.M. Sandy Johnson, third base coach Al Pedrique - are bolting the organization. Good players soon will follow.

Time to get a clue. Time to start

to \$12M, two-year deal

DETROIT - Free agent Troy Percival and Detroit agreed Wednesday on a \$12 million, two-year contract, giving the Ti gers two closers for their bullpen.

Percival, 35, was 2-3 with a 2.90 ERA and 33 saves last sea son with the Anaheim Angels, who made no attempt to re-sign him. He was fourth in the AL in saves, reaching 30 for the seventh straight season, the longest streak by an active pitcher.

"We're extremely pleased to have a person of his makeup and his ability to bolster the bullpen," Tigers President Dave Dombrowski said.

Coming off a \$21.25 million, three-year deal that paid him \$7.5 million in 2004. Percival gets \$6 million in each of the

On Nov. 5. Detroit exercised a \$4 million option on Ugueth Urbina, who was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.

Urbina was ninth in the AL with 21 saves and is 39-43 with a 3.42 ERA and 227 saves in 10

Percival has met with, among others, Tigers manager Alan Trammell, special assistant Al Kaline and owner Mike Ilitch.

Sheffield says he was target of extortion plot



will not have my family dragged through the mud and filth," Sheffield said in a statement read by Chicago-based

agent, Rufus Williams The Yankees outfielder said his wife. DeLeon, "had a long-term

relationship with a well known professional singer over 10 years Sheffield said he had known

about the relationship, which came before the couple married. "I have not seen the alleged videotape, nor do I care to," Shef-field said in his statement. "I love

my wife and I vow again to stand by her through any trial or tribula-Sheffield said he hoped "the FBI and the federal authorities

will prosecute this man to the full extent of the law."

Derrick Mosley, 38, a Chicago man who describes himself as a minister and has fashioned himself as a community activist, was charged Monday with operating a scheme to defraud for allegedly attempting to extort money from a professional athlete, who was not named Mosley was already on proba-

tion for bank fraud and remained in custody Tuesday pending a Thursday bond hearing

His attorney, Luis Galvan, had no immediate comment after his arrest

A message left at his office after Sheffield's statement was released was not immediately returned

Sheffield said in his statement that he was out of the country, would not be available for com ment and would never discuss it publicly. Williams described Tuesday how he had been contacted earlier this month by Mosley about a videotape purported to show Sheffield's wife. He said he called the FBI immediately.



"My client is very comfortable with the position he is in, and his wife is very comfortable with the position she is in," Williams said. They have a very strong bond."

Neither Williams nor the FBI affidavit accompanying charges against Mosley identified the mu-

Free-agent catcher Varitek seeking no-trade clause

BOSTON - If the Boston Red Sox want to keep Jason Varitek, they might have to give him a no-trade clause.

"We have discussed multiple times how important that being able to stay in one place is," the free-agent catcher said Tuesday "This is your only shot to be

able to do that." After helping the Red Sox win the World Series last month, Varitek plans to meet with the

team again this week. He reportedly has asked for a \$55 million, five-year contract with a no-trade clause. He has two daughters. ages 3 and 4, and stressed that he wants a deal that will provide stability for his family. Varitek, who batted .296 with

18 homers and 73 RBIs last season, is considered the best of a mediocre crop of free-agent catch-

Kent meets with Tigers DETROIT - Free agent sec-

ond baseman Jeff Kent, coming off an All-Star season with the Houston Astros, has met with Detroit Tigers officials.

Kent, 36, was named National League Most Valuable Player in 2000 while with the San Francisco Giants. The 13-year major league veteran hit .289 with 27 home runs and 107 RBI for Houston this year.

Kent's agent, Jeff Klein, told the Houston Chronicle in a story for Wednesday's editions that Kent's visit to Detroit was a sign he was serious about considering other offers.

Anaheim questions MLB on name change

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. - City officials sent letters to the Anaheim Angels and Major League Baseball on Tuesday asking whether a possible name change has already been provisionally ap-

The letter from the City Council also seeks assurances from the team and league that the name will not be changed, and comes after the council again threatened to sue if the team changes its name from the Anaheim Angels to the Los Angeles Angels

A name change would break the terms of the team's 33-year lease with the city, according to "A deal is a deal. We continue

to be strongly united on insisting that the Anaheim Angels comply with the terms of the lease, Mayor Curt Pringle said in a state-"We hope that the Angels or Major League Baseball will end this speculative inquiry about the name change immedi-

The franchise began play as the Los Angeles Angels in 1961. It became the California Angels upon moving to Anaheim in 1966, and has been the Anaheim Angels since 1997

The possibility of a name change was first reported in July. Earlier this month, the Los An-

eles Times quoted an unidentified high-ranking baseball official as saving Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig had given permission to Angels owner Arte Moreno to rename the team

By threes, Sonics get to seven

Seattle uses long jumpers, extend streak

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Wide open or contested, the Seattle SunerSonics hit three-pointers from all over the court.

Ray Allen scored a season-high 37 points, Rashard Lewis had 21 and Vladimir Radmanovic added 20, leading Seattle to its seventh straight victory, 103-95 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night.



The Sonics are off to their hest start since opening 10-0 in 1993 They haven't lost since dronning their onener to the Los Angeles Clippers by 30

points after going 2-6 in exhibition games "Everybody stepped up and played their part," Allen said.

"We had it working on all cylinders Allen Iverson scored 26 and Kyle Korver had 14 for the Six

ers, who had won three in a row. Seattle which came in with an NBA-best 58 three-pointers, shot 18-for-39 from beyond the arc, tving a team record for threes Allen finished 12-for-24 from the field, including 7-for-12 on

three-pointers. Radmanovic went 6-for-11 on threes.

Antonio Daniels had 19 points off the bench for Seattle, which got 41 points from its reserves.

This team is playing the game the right way," Sonics coach Nate McMillan said. "We are getting play from our first and second We're getting solid play from 10 guys.

Willie Green put Philadelphia ahead 72-64 in the third quarter with a dunk off a behind-the-back nass from Iverson that went around Allen. But the Sonics answered with 13 straight points to end the quarter, taking a 77-72 lead on consecutive three-pointers by Lewis.

Another three by Allen canned an 18-0 run, giving the Sonics an 82-72 early in the fourth. Overall the Sixers went 6:30 without scor-



Philadelphia 76ers' John Salmons, right, reaches in and fouls Super-Sonics guard Ray Allen while trying to keep Allen from the basket.

ing before Iverson made a driving layup to cut it to 82-74.

They have way too much fireower from the three-point line Sivers coach Jim O'Brien said They generally have four great shooters at once and they use the pick-and-roll well."

After a three-point play by Samuel Dalembert cut the deficit to 92-85, Radmanovic's sixth three gave the Sonics a 10-point lead with 4:32 left. The Sixers didn't get closer than nine until the final

Timberwolves 108, Heat 97: Kevin Garnett had 25 points, 21 rebounds and eight assists and surpassed 14,000 career points in Minnesota's home victory

Wally Szczerbiak added 21 points and Sam Cassell 19 for the Timberwolves

Dwyane Wade, after missing the last two games with a sprained left ankle, scored 20 of his 25 points in the first half for Miami, which got 20 points and 15 rebounds from Shaquille O'Neal

Jazz 107. Bobcats 105: Raia Bell made a three-pointer with 18 seconds left and hit two clutch free throws to help Utah (6-1) overcome a 22-point deficit at Charlotte

Bell's three-pointer cut Charlotte's lead to 105-104, then he gave the Jazz their first lead on two foul shots with 155 seconds to go. After the clock failed to

Nash: Ex-May makes himself at home

start twice, Gerald Wallace missed a jumner for the eynansion Bobcats. Carlos Boozer made a free throw to wrap it up.

Hawks 88. Rockets 84: Antoine Walker had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and the Hawks rallied om 11 points down in the final

6:11 at h Yao Ming, who had 27 points and 11 rebounds, ended Houston's 0-for-10 skid from the field with a 5-footer with 18 seconds remaining, cutting Atlanta's lead to 86-84. But Jon Barry made two free throws to seal it for the

Spurs 99. Knicks 81: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Tony Parker added 18 points and a sea son-high nine assists for the Spurs (6-1)

Kings 113, Bulls 106: Peja Stojakovic scored 29 points, Mike Bibby added 27, and the Kings kept Chicago (0-5) winless.

Bobby Jackson scored 20 and Chris Webber had 19 points, 13 rebounds and six assists for Sacra mento, which remained unbeaten at home with its 11th straight win over the Bulls since Michael Jordan's second retirement in 1998.

Clippers 101, Raptors 89: Marko Jaric had 23 points, eight assists and seven rebounds to lead the Clippers over visiting Toronto which has lost three straight and four of five.

NBA scoreboard

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Western Conference



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best in the league as far as getting you the ball in the right spot." Marion and Quentin Richard son each scored 18 points. Marion had 14 rebounds and Richardson

but he knew this was Nash's

"I still have a lot to learn, that's

why I'm glad Steve Nash is here

to teach us the ropes," Stou-demire said. "Steve's one of the

night.

NASH, FROM BACK PAGE 13 as the Suns capitalized on Dampier's absence to pull down Stoudemire scored his most 10 more rebounds than Dallas. points of the season and four shy of his career best. It was a nice way to spend his 22nd birthday, The Mavericks lost at home for

the first time this season on their fourth try. They won their first 12 at home last season and finished with a league-best 36 home wins

Nowitzki, who went to dinner with good buddy Nash the night before, finished with 20 points and 16 rebounds. He never fouled out but was so frustrated that he got a technical foul in the closing minutes, sending Nash to the line for his final point.

"I'm used to playing with him, but we've got to move on and put it behind us," Nowitzki said. "I guess we've got to get used to him in a purple and orange uniform

Jerry Stackhouse, who had 28 points each of the last two games. scored 21, including buzzer-beaters at the end of the second and third quarters.

The most promising sign for Dallas was seeing the new leader of its offense, mokie Devin Harris, have career highs with 15 points and five steals, plus five assists. He also played his most minutes (36), primarily because of Terry's absence.

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Big loss leaves Texans doing some soul searching

BY JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

HOUSTON - The Houston Texans couldn't stop the league's best offense, couldn't move the ball against the league's worst de-fense and couldn't figure out what went wrong afterward.



The Indianap olis Colts rolled past Houston 49-14 on Sunday in a defeat that equaled the

Texans' most lopsided loss in franchise history

But this could have been chalked up as any other bad loss something that happens weekly in the NFL to even good teams - if not for the musings of disgruntled defensive tackle Gary Walker, who's given to saying lot of quotable but forgettable things after a Texans defeat.

Walker said one thing that should worry anyone with a rooting interest in the Texans

'How can you establish an identity when you don't know from week to week what you're doing?

Walker said. That is a telling comment about these Texans as they prepare to host the Green Bay Packers on

Sunday night. Texans looked like the NFL's next contender in winning four of five earlier this season, capping that streak with a domi nating victory over Jacksonville. Then came two consecutive flons. not so coincidentally with some thing - the playoffs - actually at stake for the first time in franchise history

Houston (4-5) still has an outside chance to make the playoffs.

But could it be that the Texans have no idea how to get there? All the chatter coming from the locker room in the hours after the game and a day later focused on identity - or the team's lack of one - thus far To still be confused about that nine games into the third season of the Dom Capers era is alarming.

Usually some sort of pattern



Texans quarterback David Carr walks off the field after throwing an interception that was returned for a TD by the Colts on Sunday.

has developed, or some sort of thread can be found in these peaks and valleys of a 16-game season, let alone two of them. But the Texans have come back empty when searching for an-

How long is too long to wait for a sign? Capers is a very nice guy, a capable enough coach and an improving talent evaluator, someone who put together fearsome defenses in Pittsburgh and Jacksonville and led the second-year Carolina Panthers to within a victory of a Super Bowl in only their second year.

Then again, the wheels eventually came off those Capers-led Panthers shortly after their playoff run and they were forced to start all over again. Houston is coming along a little slower than

Carolina, which is good, but doesn't seem even remotely close to challenging for the postseason, which is obviously bad

Losing is one thing. But losing badly is quite another

The Texans showed absolutely no spunk at all against the Colts until Peyton Manning kept throwing the ball late in the fourth quarter, with Indianapolis holding a 35-point lead. That's when they finally starting shoving back, stirring up a few skirmishes in the waning minutes. But by then it was too late.

During his postgame comments, Walker summed it up perfectly: "We're soft. Denver and

Indianapolis played with a desperation and fire that Texans fans haven't seen since their tremendous second-half rally against Minnesota. Houston lost that game in overtime, but they won plenty of respect around the league for showing such verve against a dynamic team like the Vikings.

That at least for the moment has been lost.

Capers bears a lot of responsibility for his team's blah attitude. He's so even-keeled, so calm, so analytical, that often it comes across as robotic. That can often be an asset in the NFL, where a team's fortunes can change with nearly every week, but some-times it backfires with teams as used to losing as the Texans.

Screaming doesn't always help but right now, it couldn't hurt. The Texans have resembled a

rudderless ship in the past two games, seemingly running around without much direction or leadership. No identity to speak of.

That's what Carolina looked like before everything came crashing down. Walker realized that, too.

"We certainly don't want the way we played (against the Colts) to be our identity," Capers said. "That's probably why that term came up.

Rest assured, the word will come up yet again if the Texans can't turn it around on Sunday

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ABC apologizes for racy MNF intro

NEW YORK - ABC apologized Tuesday for a steamy intro to "Monday Night Football" after receiving complaints from viewers and the NFL.

The spot featured a naked Nicollette Sheridan jumping into the arms of Terrell Owens.

Before the Philadelphia-Dallas game, ABC showed Owens and Sheridan in an empty locker room in an attempt to spoof the network hit "Desperate Housewives." Sheridan, who stars in the show, was wearing only a towel and provocatively asked Owens to skip the game for her.

After she dropped her towel, he agreed to be late for the contest and hugged her. Then the shot

panned out to two more stars of 'Desperate Housewives." Teri Hatcher and Felicity Huffman, watching the scene unfold on a television and commenting on erate women

"We have heard from many of viewers about last night's MNF opening segment and we agree that the placement was in-appropriate," ABC said in a statement. "We apologize."

The NFL called the intro "inapropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience

"While ABC may have gained attention for one of its other shows, the NFL and its fans lost," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. The Eagles said they appreciat-ed ABC apologizing for the seg-

"It is normal for teams to cooperate with ABC in the development of an opening for its broadcast," the team said "After seeing the final piece,

we wish it hadn't aired. ABC has broadcast "Monday

Night Football" with a 5-second delay this season, a precaution after Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction at February's Super

At halftime of New England's victory over Carolina in the Super Bowl, Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Jackson's brassiere, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million. The Super Bowl was broadcast on CBS, which was subsequently fined a record \$550,000 by the

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Martz, Holmgren deny interest in Dolphins job

ST. LOUIS - Scratch Mike Martz's name off the list of potential replacements

for Dave Wannstedt in Miami. The St. Louis Rams coach on Wednesday said there was no truth to a Miami Her-



ald story that he would be interested in the Dolphins' head coaching job if he was let go by the Rams. St. Louis is 5-4 and tied for first in the NFC West

Citing sources close to Martz, Seattle's Mike Holmgren and Den-ver's Mike Shanahan, the Herald said the three would be interested in coaching the Dolphins next season if their current coaching situations did not work out

Martz said he was "shocked" to learn of

"There's no substance to it," he said. "I couldn't have a better job than the one I have here. I love it here and I have no desire to coach anyplace else."

Holmgren displayed no interested in the Miami job, either

"This is where I want to be. Seattle is our home," he said Wednesday. "I don't want to coach anywhere else. I want to finish my career here

Martz is in his fifth season as head coach of the Rams. He was offensive coordinator in 1999 when the team won the Super Bowl. Asked if there was any chance Martz would be available for Miami, Rams president John Shaw said, "Zero."

"I'm perplexed that there would be any speculation about his status." Shaw said. "He's averaged 10 wins a season as a head coach. How many victories did we average

here (in St. Louis) before 1999? Five? The Rams went 22-42 in their first four easons in St. Louis (1995-98), an average of 5.5 wins a year. They were 13-3 in 1999

and won the Super Bowl. Under Martz. Martz has two years left on his contract at \$3.5 million a year.

QB Garrard to start again for Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - David Garrard will make his second consecutive start at quarterback in place of Byron Leftwich when the Jacksonville Jaguars host the Tennessee Titans on Sunday.

Leftwich was listed as doubtful on the injury report Wednesday, and coach Jack



The Miami Herald reported that St. Louis coach Mike Martz, left, and Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, right, would be interested in coaching the Dolphins if they were unemployed.

Del Rio said he probably will serve as the No. 3 quarterback against the Titans.

Del Rio expects Leftwich to return next week at Minnesota Leftwich sprained a ligament in his left

knee Oct. 31 against Houston. Panthers OB Delhomme questionable

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme did not practice Wednesday and is questionable this week because of a broken bone in his right

Delhomme fractured the tip of his thumb in the third quarter of Carolina's victory over San Francisco on Sunday. He

said he'll likely be the one who decides if he can play against Arizona. Rodney Peete is Delhomme's backup, but he has not played since the first half of

the 2003 opener. Chris Weinke is the No. 3 quarterback Panthers coach John Fox would not indicate who would start if Delhomme doesn't

KIRKLAND Wash - Seattle Seahawks linebacker Anthony Simmons will have season-ending surgery to repair a broken

left wrist he suffered during last week's loss in St. Louis.

Simmons ranks third on the team with 42 tackles. Seattle (5-4) also won't have backup line-

backer Tracy White, out two weeks with a strained right hamstring, for Sunday's game against Miami (1-8), Chad Brown is questionable with a strained left knee

Defensive end Grant Wistrom will return after missing four games with a broken bone in his left knee, and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck is listed as probable with a bruised right thigh

Injury-riddled Bucs bring back Super Bowl MVP Jackson TAMPA, Fla. - Desperate for help at

safety, the injury-riddled Tampa Bay Buccaneers turned to a familiar face - former Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson. He rejoined the Bucs on Tuesday, five

weeks after being let go by the Arizona Cardinals. To make room for him, running back Jamel White was released.

Jackson signed a five-year, \$14 million contract with Arizona after intercepting two passes and being selected MVP of Tampa Bay's 48-21 rout of Oakland in the

The 27-year-old safety had a career-high six interceptions for the Cardinals in 2003. He was released last month after being sidelined since training camp with a back

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The Bucs need help in the secondary because of injuries to starting safeties Jer-maine Phillips and Dwight Smith, whose emergence was one of the reasons Jackson was considered expendable after the 2002

Phillips has a broken right forearm and will miss Sunday's game against San Francisco and possibly the rest of the season Smith is questionable for Sunday after spraining his right knee last Sunday

Browns waive RB James Jackson: Zukauskas arrested for drunken driving

CLEVELAND - The Browns waived running back James Jackson on Tuesday to make room for rookie Adimchinobe Echemandu on their roster

Jackson ran for 554 yards and two touchdowns in 11 games as a rookie in 2001, but carried the ball just 12 times the following year after the arrival of William Green.

In other team news, offensive guard Paul Zukauskas was arrested and charged with drunken driving after an early morn-

ing traffic stop in Berea. Zukauskas, a four-year veteran, was stopped by the State Highway Patrol on Tuesday in suburban Cleveland. Troopers said he made a sudden right turn from the

wrong lane without signaling Zukauskas was arrested after a field sobriety test and charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and making an improper right turn.

"I'm not guilty," Zukauskas said Wednes

day. "I'll let the legal system take its course. I'm sorry for even having to be here and talking about it."

Culpepper leads Pro Bowl voting NEW YORK - Daunte Culpepper was

leading Pro Bowl fan balloting through Wednesday with 325,383 votes The Vikings quarterback has outdis-

tanced Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning (310,236) in voting that will continue through Dec. 19.

Leading among receivers is Philadelphia's Terrell Owens (272,759). The top running back is the Giants' Tiki Barber

Panthers RB Davis has potentially career-ending surgery

By JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Carolina running back Stephen Davis had microfracture surgery on his right knee and the surgery is potentially career threatening

But the Panthers downplayed the severity of it Wednesday. Backup running back DeShaun Foster had the same procedure in 2002 and didn't miss a beat, but wide receiver Patrick Jeffers had it and never played again

"I think everybody is different," Panthers General Manager Marty Hurney said. "Stephen is competitive and has drive and determination. It was just done and it will be a process that takes several months. We'll take it as it goes.

Davis played in only two games this season before having arthroscopic surgery Sept. 17 to clean out torn cartilage in his knee. He played in one game after the procedure, but every time he practiced, his knee swelled.

Carolina put him on injured re-

serve last week, and he had the procedure Tuesday that requires doctors to drill holes into the kneecan

When Foster had similar surgery, he missed one season and came back for a solid 2003 campaign. But Davis is six years older, and has a history of injury problems: He's played in 16

games once in eight NFL seasons. Davis turns 31 in March and has three years remaining on his



Stephen Davis had micro-fracture surgery on his right knee Tuesday.

contract. Although he ran for a franchise-best 1,444 yards last season, he ended this year with just 92 yards rushing.

Hurney said Carolina hopes Davis will follow the same rehabilitation path as Foster, who underwent microfracture surgery in October 2002 and returned to practice the following summer for training camp.

Unsure of how effective Foster vould be, the Panthers signed Davis before the 2003 season, a

move that allowed them to ease Foster back into the lineup.

If the Panthers follow a similar plan with Davis, he could begin next season as a backup to Foster. who is out this year with a broken



Arizona up and down in NIT victory st. Mary's crashing

BY BOB BAUM The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. - The Arizona Wildcats won their 13th consecutive Preseason NIT game Tuesday night — but this was no spectacular debut for a team that has its sights on the Final Four.

Mustafa Shakur scored 23 points and Ivan Radenovic 20 - both career highs - in the 10th-ranked Wildcats' often-sloppy 80-69 victory over San Diego.

Salim Stoudamire also scored 20 for the Wildcats, who are 13-1 overall in the Preseason NIT. Arizona won the tournament in its last three appearances - 1990, 1995, 1999.

The Wildcats knew that they didn't play up to their potential. "The first half was excellent. The second

half was disgusting," Stoudamire said. "I wanted to win, and I wanted to win by a lot. I thought we should have won by 40.

The Wildcats led 41-23 at halftime

Arizona hosts Wright State in the second round Thursday night. The winner goes to the semifinals in New York next week

Brice Vounang, San Diego's 6-foot-8, 250-pound center with a soft shooting touch, matched his career best with 28 points and had 11 rebounds for the Toreros. Brandon Gay added 17 points

"He had a great game," Toreros coach Brad Holland said of Vounang. "He was all-conference last season, and he's taking the pressure well. He did a great job on Channing Frye. We didn't have to double him. He did a good job one-on-one with him.

Shakur, the team's sonhomore playmaker who averaged just six shots a game last season, was 7-for-12 in Arizona's season opener Radenovic, in his second season with the

Wildcats from Serbia and Montenegro, was 8-for-17 and grabbed 10 rebounds. San Diego, coming off a 4-26 season and

1-13 in the West Coast Conference, trailed only 14-10 after Vounang's 10-footer with 11:42 to play in the half. But Shakur banked in a three-pointer to start at 16-0 Arizona run that made it 30-12 on Radenovic's fastbreak lavup with 5:15 left in the half

Shakur scored eight. Stoudamire five and Radenovic three during the surge.

From that point on, the outmanned Toreros

outscored Arizona 57-50. "One of the things I was a little disannoint.

ed in was we did not do a good job of really closing them out," said coach Lute Olson, be ginning his 22nd season at Arizona. "We just



Arizona's Mustafa Shakur, right, dribbles around the pressing defense of San Diego's Corey Belser during a Preseason NIT game on Tuesday. Shakur scored 23 points.

didn't show that killer instinct that we need to have

But Shakur and Radenovic, with late help from Stoudamire, overcame Arizona's poor shooting to lead the Wildcats to victory.

"We did a good job at times, but we let up in the end. We have to work on that," Shakur said

Olson praised Vounang.

"I'm not sure we're going to play anybody tougher than he is," Olson said, "because if you forced him to sten out and get the hall which was our first intent, the guy has got the softest touch off the glass that I've seen in a long time. He was a load.

The Wildcats had 10 turnovers in the first half and San Diego 12. Shakur scored 12, and Stoudamire and Radenovic 10 apiece in the first 10 minutes

Hassan Adams, who led Arizona in scoring last season at 17.3 points per game, was 0-for-3 shooting and committed three turnovers in a scoreless first half. He wound up 3-for-12 for six points.

Brett Melton's three-pointer started a 9-0 run that cut Arizona's lead to 59-47 on Avi Fogel's driving layup with 9:25 left. The teams traded baskets, then Radenovic

scored inside on a pass from Frye. Stoudamire sank an 18-footer and a 14-foot floater from the baseline and Arizona was up 67-49 with five minutes to go.

semifinals

BY JIM O'CONNELL The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic expanded to 16 teams this season, it still seemed apparent which four teams would make it to New York for the semifinals.

Saint Mary's must not have gotten the memo

Fifth-ranked Syracuse, No. 12 Mississippi State and No. 24 Memphis all advanced through their two-game regionals, but the fourth team from a power conference — California — was upset by Saint Mary's.

"Most of my team has never been to New York so it will be an exciting trip and we're approach-ing it as a bonus," fourth-year Gaels coach Randy Bennett said. "We started the tournament looking for a couple of extra games and now we're up against some re-ally good teams. We were able to beat Cal because we played well that night and the next thing we know we have Memphis on our hands We're just excited I can't hide it. It's an opportunity to play against teams we normally wouldn't get to as a mid-major team

Saint Mary's and Memphis open the doubleheader Thursday night at Madison Square Garden The winners and losers meet Friday night

While Syracuse, Mississippi State and Memphis arrived in New York with rankings and plenty of returning starters. Saint Mary's showed up as "that team from Gonzaga's league.

The Gaels were second to Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference last season and lost to the Bulldogs in the tournament championship game. While Gonzaga was reaching third in nation, Saint Mary's was impressed with second in the league after going 2-26 the season before Bennett ar-

"We have been overshadowed by Gonzaga but rightfully so by what they've done," Bennett said. "We haven't beaten them yet in my three years. They deserve the press they receive and we're try-ing to challenge them and this is a great opportunity to get that attention whether we want it or not."

Paul Marigney, the Gaels' top returner and the conference's reigning scoring leader, is academically ineligible and will miss at least the first seven games. He could be back Dec. 11 against Hawaii, but his return might not be until the start of the conference season.

The Gaels were just 4-for-34 from three-point range in the wins over Belmont and Cal.

"I don't know how we did it but we're going," Bennett said.

Memphis coach John Calipari has been impressed with what he's seen of Saint Mary's

"We know what kind of game we have in front of us with a disciplined team and this is to find out where we are as a team," said Calipari, whose team is in this event for the third straight year.



Marquette's Travis Diener, right, reaches for the loose ball as Air Force's Antoine Hood, left, closes in during the second half.

Diener lifts Marquette over Air Force in final

MILWAUKEE - Travis Diener scored 34 points, hitting five three-pointers, as Marquette beat Air Force 69-65 in a wild shootout Tuesday in the title game of the Black Coaches Association Clas-

Dameon Mason added 12 points and Steve Novak 10 for Marquette (3-0), which won all three of its games in the three eight-team, three-day tourna-

Matt McCraw and Nick Welch both scored 15 points for Air Force (2-1). McCraw got all his points on three-pointers, making

Air Force led 48-44 after Jared Dillinger and Antoine Hood hit back-to-back three-pointers.

But Diener responded with

Golden Eagles ahead 55-50 with 9:08 left to play. Diener's three long-range baskets were part of an 11-2 run in which he scored all of Marquette's points.

Diener, who made five of nine three-noint shots and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, hit his fifth three with 2:41 left for a 63-57 Marquette lead.

With 24 seconds left, McCraw made his fifth three-pointer to pull the Falcons within three at 68-65 But with 16.7 seconds left Diener made one of two free throws to make it 69-65.

Marquette led 35-32 after a hard-fought first half in which the score was tied six times.

The teams had not met since Dec. 28, 1987, when Marquette beat Air Force 80-52 in Milwau-

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Suns shine behind Nash

Ex-May dishes out 18 assists in return to Dallas

BY JAIME ARON
The Associated Press
DALLAS — Steve Nash made

the strange walk to the visitors' locker room, relieved at having his first game against the Dallas Mavericks out of the way.

And thrilled with how it turned

Nash scored 17 points and had 18 assists, many setting up Amare Stoudemire's 34 points, leading the Phoenix Suns past the Dallas Mavericks 107-101 on Tuesday night.

"I can't think of a more emotional game that I've had than this one," Nash said. "I didn't have any tears, but I was definitely nervous. I think it's just natural. There were so many memories here."

Nash's assists were the most this season in the NBA, topping the 17 he had in an overtime loss at Cleveland last Wednesday. It also was one shy of his career best. The only downer was that he had the wrong kind of triple-double — points, assists and turnovers. He gave the ball away 10 times, four in the third quarter, after doing so just 18 times in the first six games this season.

"They're trying to get used to me and I'm trying to get used to them — as you can see by my 10 turnovers," Nash said.

Although Nash broke into the league with Phoenix, he's best known for the last six years in Dallas.

With him pushing the offense, the Mavs became one of the NBA's top teams and he became one of the most popular players in town. He was a free agent last summer and wanted to stay, but couldn't resist when Phoenix of-fered \$60 million guaranteed in July.

The locals didn't hold a grudge.

"Thanks Steve" and "Welcome
Back Nash" were among the
signs waived by fans and there
were plenty of kids wearing his
No. 13 Dallas jerseys, including
one youngster holding a poster
that said, "Nash has been to my
bouse."

"It's overwhelming to see that kind of support," Nash said. After a nice ovation during pre-

game introductions, Nash made his way along the Dallas bench shaking hands, slapping backs and embracing coaches Don Nelson and Del Harris and former teammate Michael Finley.



Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash, left, looks to pass the ball over Dallas Mavericks guard Marquis Daniels on Tuesday in Dallas. Nash, who spent the past six seasons with the Mavericks, scored 17 points for the Suns.

Then Nash made himself right at home, scoring or assisting on 12 of Phoenix's first 17 baskets. He opened the second half with a three-pointer and another jumper and soon after the Suns were up by 15.

But the Mavericks rallied to tie

and even led by five early in the fourth quarter, despite losing center Erick Dampier (strained hip) and backup point guard Jason Terry (sprained ankle) in the first half and being without Dirk Nowitzki for about 10 crucial minutes after he picked up his fifth foul with 3:39 left in the third quarter. Nowitzki tied it at 93 with 4:28 left, then Stoudemire put Phoenix up for good with a driving layup. Nash fed Shawn Marion for a jumper that stretched the lead and the Suns were off on a 10-2 run that sealed the victory.

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